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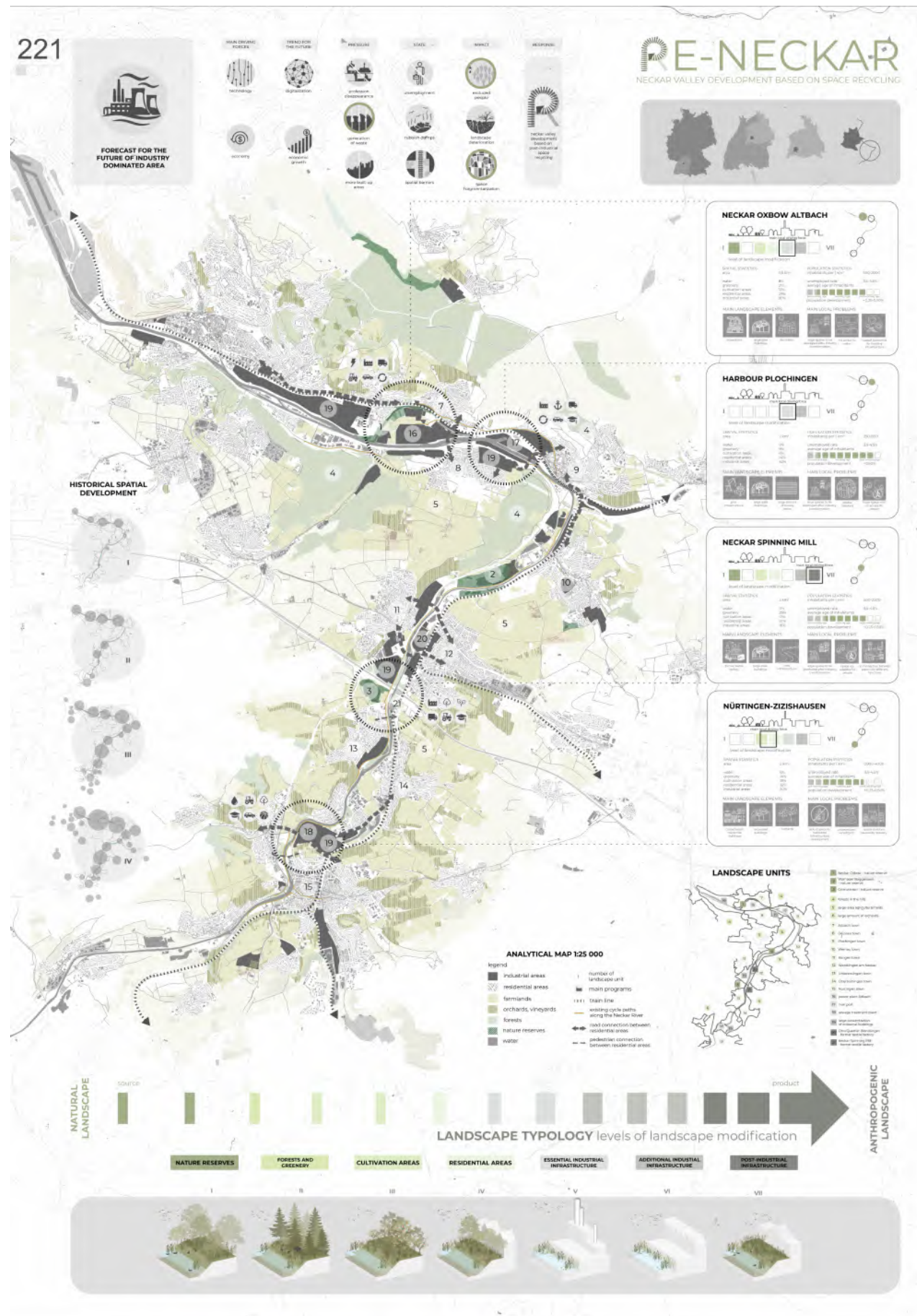
Neckar Landscape Park

Re-imagining the Productive City Region

Working Period: October 2022 - January 2023

Winning teams and finalists





First Prize

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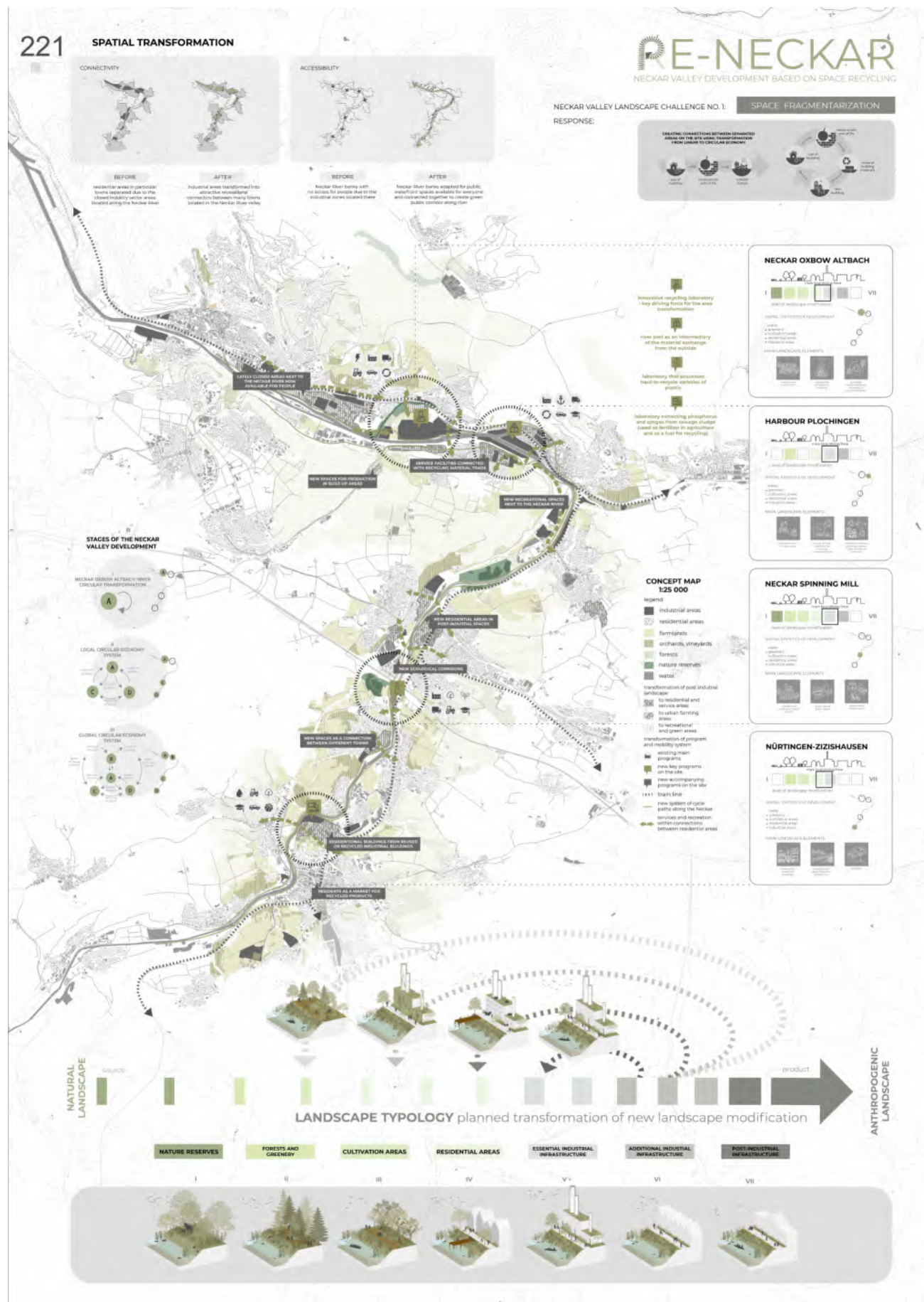
Re-Neckar. Neckar Valley redevelopment based on space recycling

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 a area of laboratories and science work. Moreover the area will be enriched with new public spaces connected to the science, with 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 process 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 science centre from the powerplant building complex. In 50 years, shift to green energy is very possible. Powerplant will no longer be needed, due to new ways of creating energy. Energy could be produced from wind, sun, water, vegetation of even plastic. Our complex will have its magazine area, laboratories for scientists and science centre for educational and also fun purposes. Moreover, 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



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.

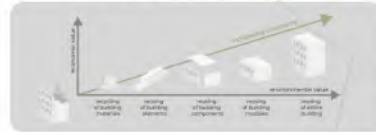
The park and buildings create a view axis that leads to the public space in the area of science centre and longshore promenade. The idea for the business is to create new working places for workers who used to work in the powerplant. Moreover, laboratories focus on the environment and help to preserving 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

NECKAR VALLEY LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE NO. 2:
RESPONSE:

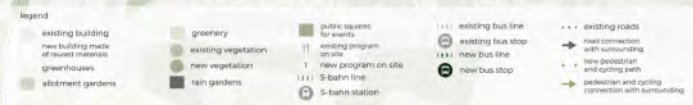
GENERATION OF WASTE



STAGES OF PLANNED INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT



MASTERPLAN OF THE NECKAR OXBOW ALTBACH SITE 13 000



LANDSCAPE UNITS

RE-NECKAR
NECKAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT BASED ON SPACE RECYCLINGNECKAR VALLEY LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE NO. 3:
RESPONSE:

EXCLUDED PEOPLE

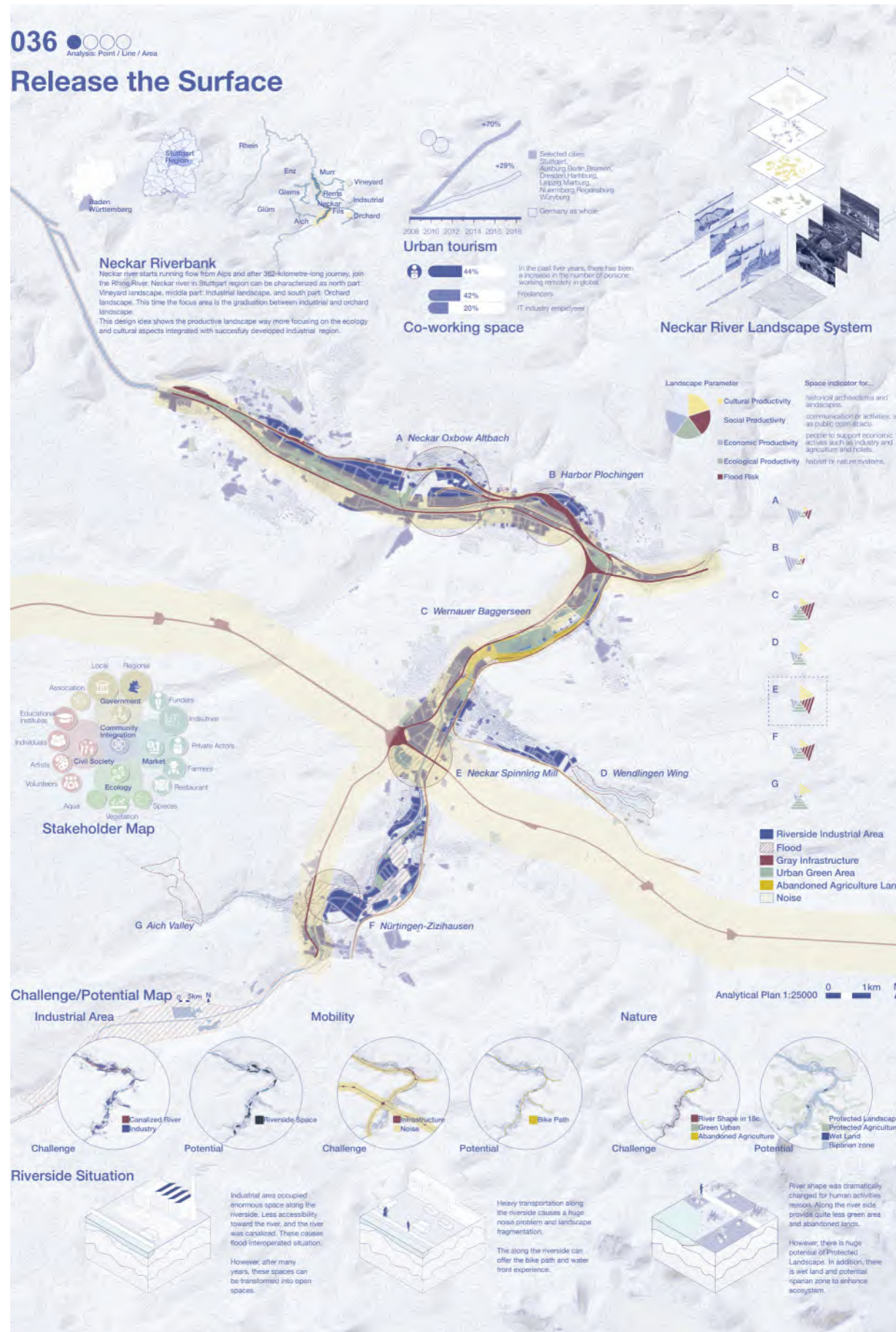


LANDSCAPE OF NECKAR OXBOW ALTBACH SITE - SOURCE FOR CIRCULAR TRANSFORMATION



LANDSCAPE OF NECKAR OXBOW ALTBACH SITE - PRODUCT OF CIRCULAR TRANSFORMATION





Second Prize

HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen

HSWT Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, Germany

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Release the surface

The Neckar river in focus area has challenge with intensive industrial land use consume(point), and heavy demand of mobility (line) which cause critical flood risk, and fragmentation of nature connection.

These conditions have been happened by intensive and rapid urban development. The main idea to improve this situation, is to design the landscape in a long-term process.

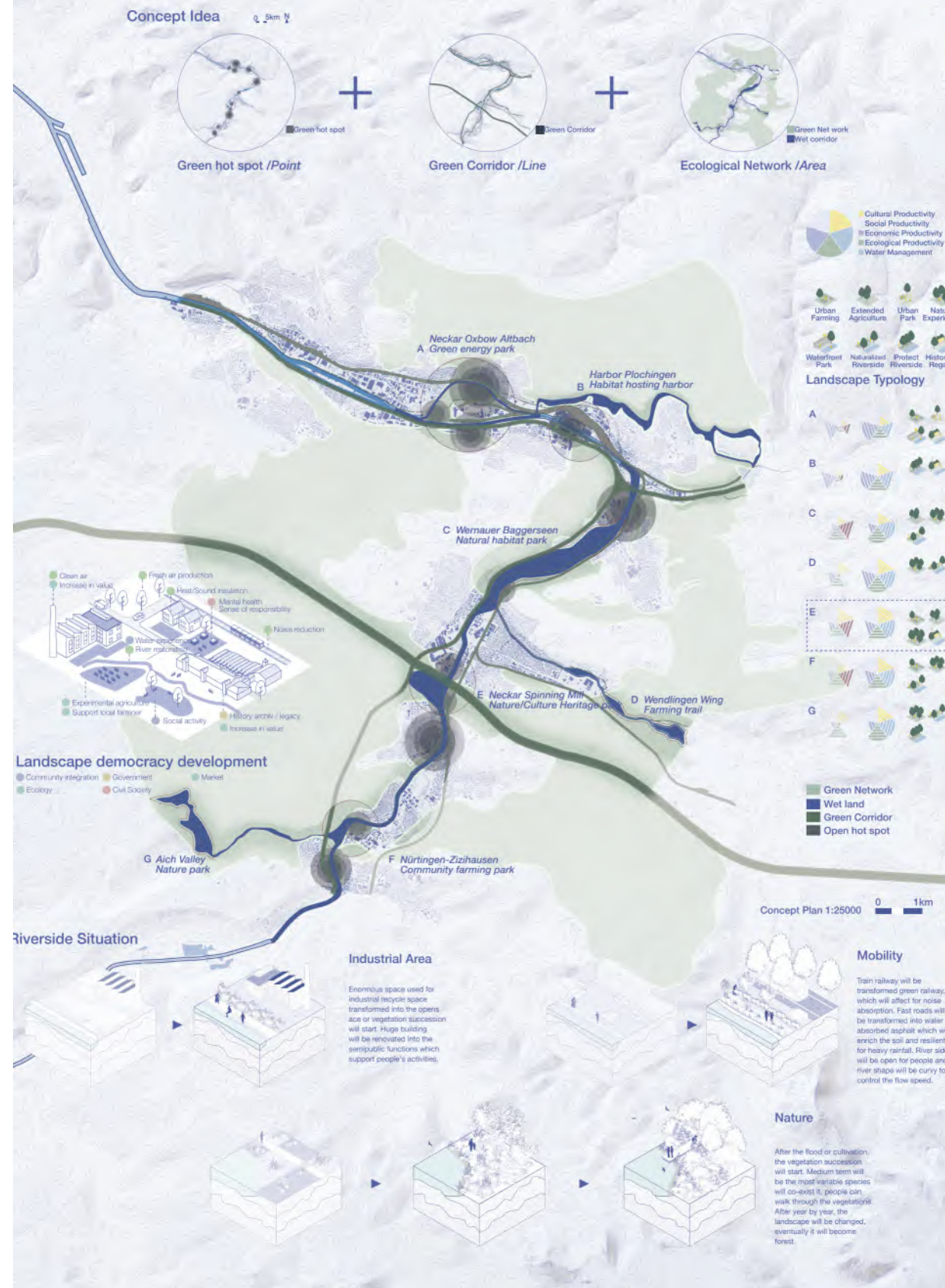
The proposal is to release the surface so that the vegetation succession start and grow which provide for spices ecology and people recreational and nature experience. To achieve the strong productivity of Ecology / Cultural / Economy/ Social/ Economic/ Water management, we propose the three main green structure which is green hotspot, green corridor, and landscape typology to animate the identity of landscape and livable space for all living things.

In detail focus area is named as Neckarspinnerei Landscape Park, which people can observe the variety type of vegetation succession, depending on soil, sunlight, use of function, that is nature disturbance and human-caused disturbance. The landscape in growing in time will increase people's sense of place and habitat productivity.

Neckarspinnerrei, historical industrial architecture, is the core platform for community activities for individuals, government, economic sectors. While the vegetation succession process, community interaction will develop together step by step. The community-landscape interaction though the process is the strategy keeping the sense of place responsibility.

The moment the surface is released, the landscape dynamics will start developing. The landscape in process will enhance the landscape productivity in this Neckar river system.

Release the Surface



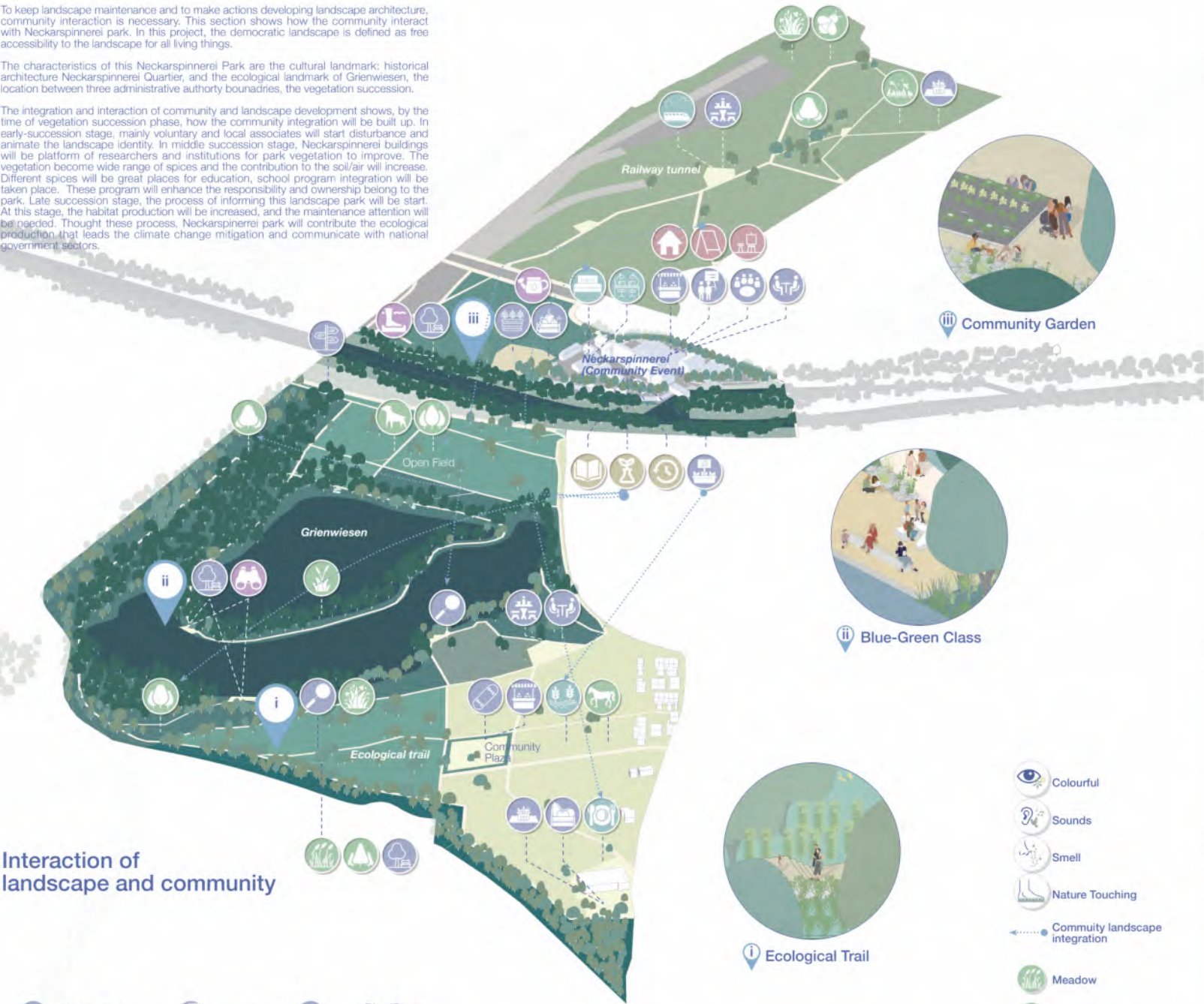
Release the Surface

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.

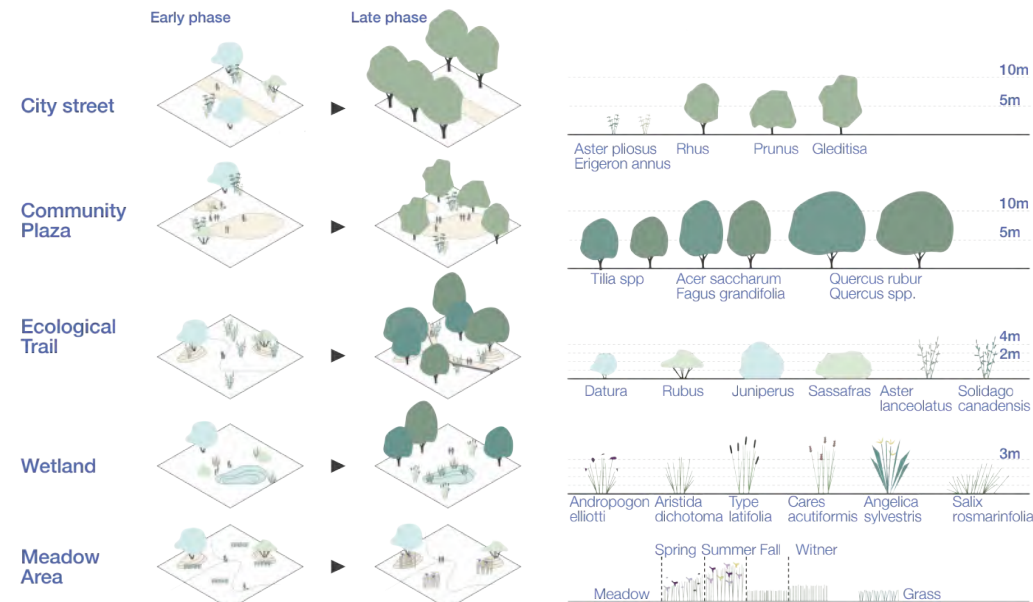
The characteristics of this Neckarspinnerei Park are the cultural landmark; historical architecture Neckarspinnerei Quarter, and the ecological landmark of Grienwiesen, the location between three administrative authority boundaries, the vegetation succession.

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.

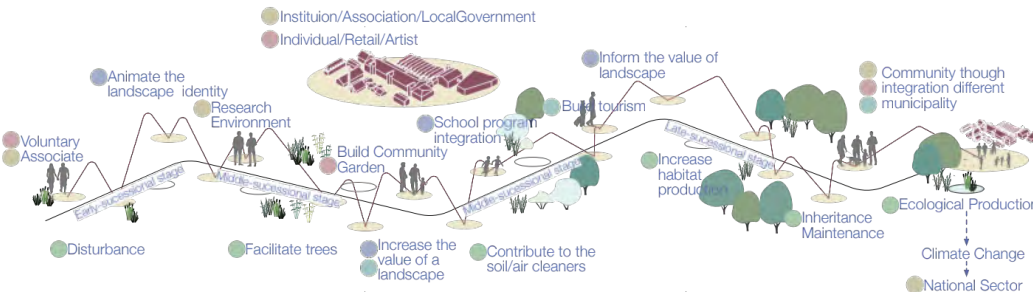


Interaction of landscape and community

- Community Interaction
- Special Experience
- Government
- Private
- Economic
- Ecological
- Learning
- Meeting point
- Rest point
- Regional Signboard
- Experiment Farm
- Market
- Blue/Green classroom
- Café meeting
- Picnic table/area
- Skateboard
- Edible garden
- Community garden
- Observation point
- Water experience
- Responsibility of the community
- Experiment Institution
- Archive
- Historical Tradition
- 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

- Community integration
- Government
- Civil Society
- Market
- Ecology



Ecological trail



Grienwiesen Green blue class



Neckarspinnerei Community Market



Railway tunnel park

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RESIDENCE

MORE URBANITY IS POSSIBLE! NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR LIVING, WORKING AND URBAN SPACE OF TOMORROW: Individual cities face the challenges of urban growth. Thus, various aspects, such as climate change, use of open space, new forms of housing or land use must be taken into account.



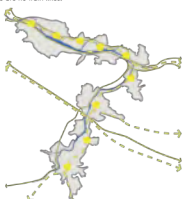
LANDSCAPE

THINK THE REGION FROM THE LANDSCAPE: The landscape around the individual cities has an enormous potential. Currently, the landscape is largely dominated by mono-directional land use. One of the most characteristic elements of the landscape is the Neckar River, which is only accessible to citizens at a few places.



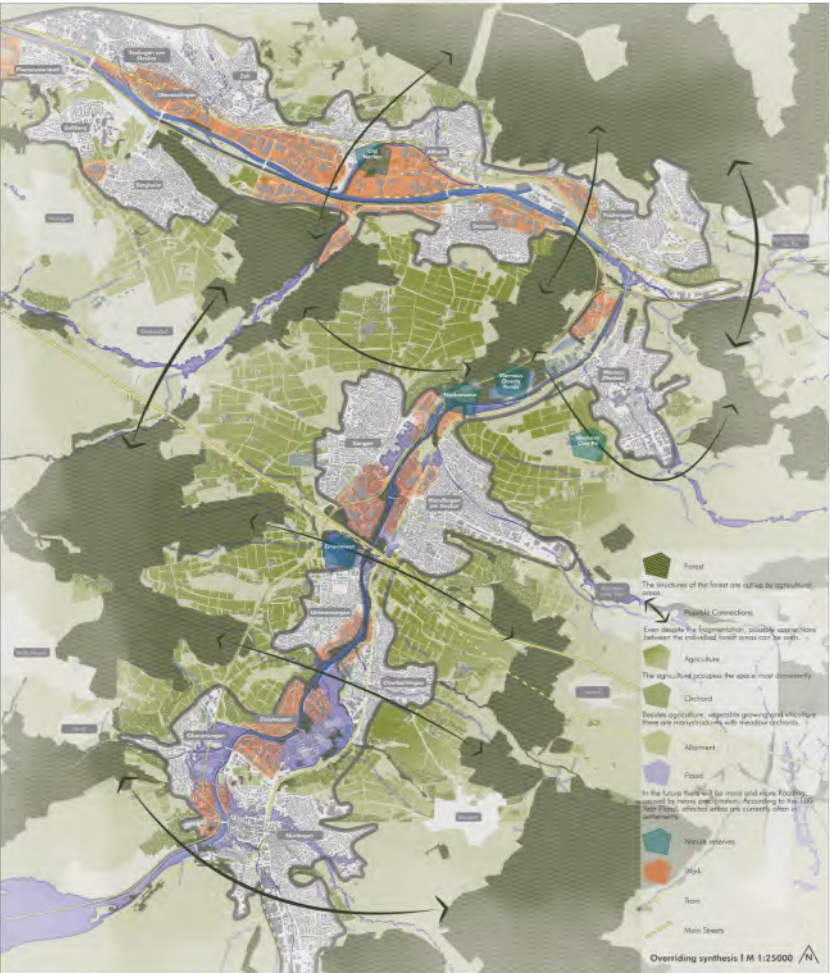
MOBILITY

THE BILLETTS ARE ACCESSIBLE AND WELL CONNECTED ON THE INSIDE: The cities are easily accessible through various infrastructure elements. The challenge of the region's good accessibility are the various constructional barriers created by infrastructure. There is a need for improvement especially on the left side of the Neckar River, since there are no train lines.



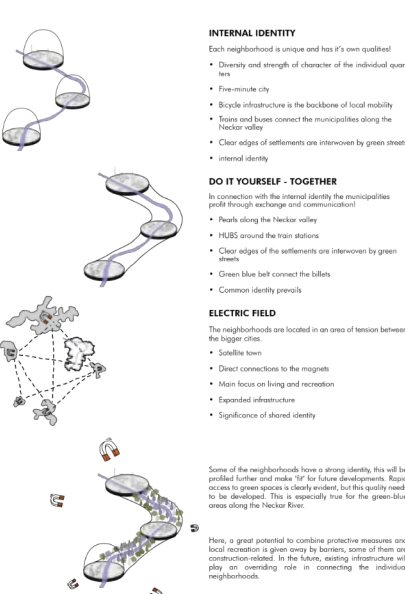
WORK

THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE SMALL SISTERS OF STUTTGART: Along the Neckar River, different types of businesses can be found in various cities. The trades differ not only in fields of activity, but also in size. Small and medium-sized businesses, as well as nationally and internationally active companies, are located here. Often, the commercial zones are located parallel to the Neckar River. Therefore, they form a barrier between the settlement bodies and the river.



THREE SCENARIOS - ONE SPACE

These scenarios serve as important points of orientation and discussion that shape the future development of the region in terms of inner-urban and developments related to housing, landscape, mobility and work. They serve as an approach and complement each other.

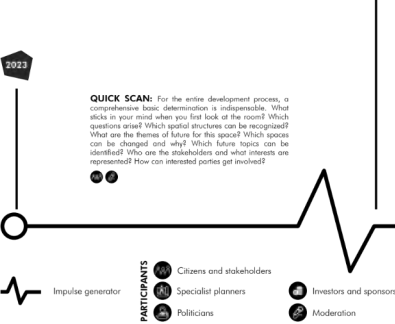


GUIDELINES



DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

2023-2035: The first section of the development timeline includes the main development in the period from 2023 to 2035. During this period, the backbone of the entire development process is formed. At the beginning, the region is analyzed comprehensively and initial conclusions are drawn. In a second step, initial ideas are collected and specified in a participatory manner and finally integrated into an initial spatial image.

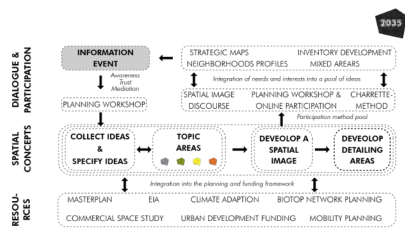


DEVELOP SCENARIOS: Based on the three identified scenarios, potential spatial images and developments are presented. Reference is made to the four thematic fields of the quick scan (housing, landscape, mobility and work). It should be noted that none of the three scenarios can or should be implemented in their pure form. Important discussion points and directions that can shape the future are developed from the region.

LET THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT BEGIN: With the help of the quick scan, the developed scenarios and the developed guidelines, the backbone of the entire development process for the next 50 years has been created. This process is considered dynamic, meaning that completed projects will be evaluated in regular stages and adjusted as necessary. Development cannot function without the participation of citizens and stakeholders. Therefore, a programmatic part of the participation concept is now presented.

DEVELOP GUIDELINES: The guidelines have the character of 'rules of the game' which must be observed throughout the entire development process. Four guidelines have been identified for this purpose: Accompany change and embrace change, Increase community connection, Give development time and define milestones and develop strong communities. The participation process behind the strong communities is shown programmaticly opposite.

FOUR THEMATIC AREAS AS A FRAMEWORK: Now it's up to the citizens and stakeholders. Ideas are collected and further developed together with specialist planners.



Third Prize

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Spinnng 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

AGRARIHUBS
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

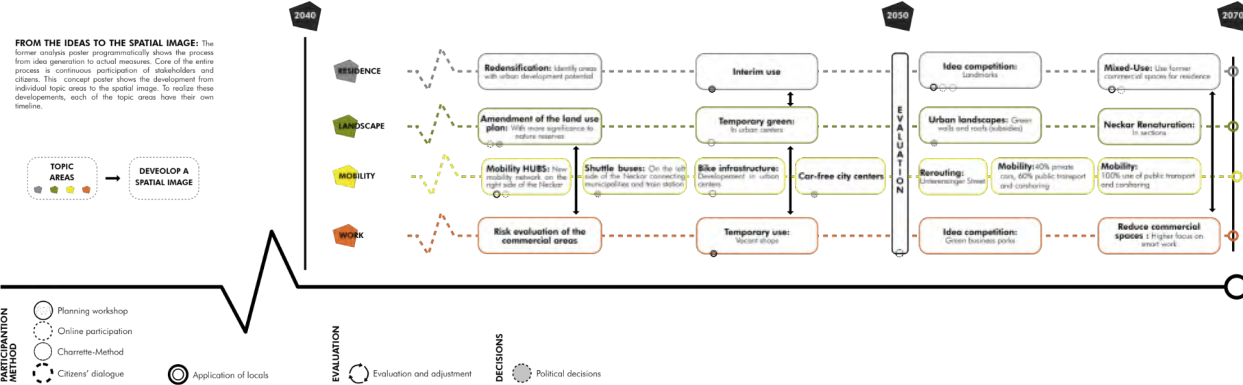
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MOBILITY

- BEING IN REACH**
Reachability and movement on different scales
- USAGE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES**
Transforming existing structures | Climate adaptation | Green paths connect the municipalities
- URBAN MOTORS**
Mobility HUBS as nodes
- SHUTTLE**
Shuttle buses are connecting the municipalities on the left side of the Neckar | Connection to the train stations

WORK

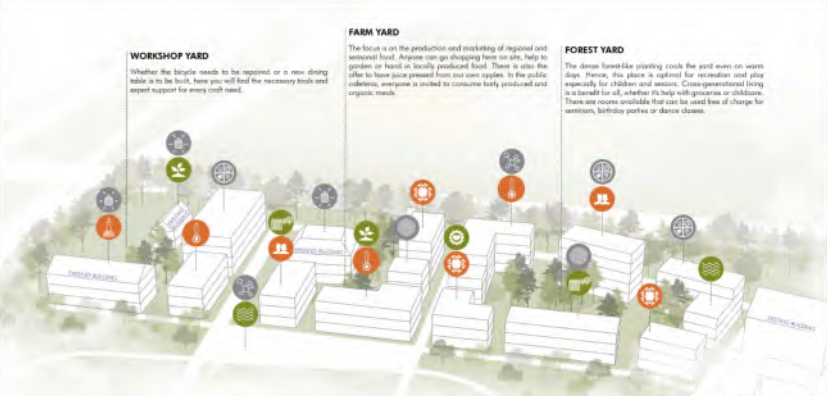
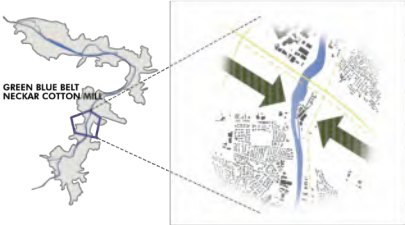
- COOL WORKING**
Climate adapted workplaces | Green-blue commercial areas
- PLACES OF INNOVATION**
Commercial spaces as thinktanks of the settlements | Pulsing and dynamic creative centers
- TRANSFORMING SPACES**
Common process of a socio-ecological urban and open space development
- SMART WORK**
Remote work | Extensive digital infrastructure



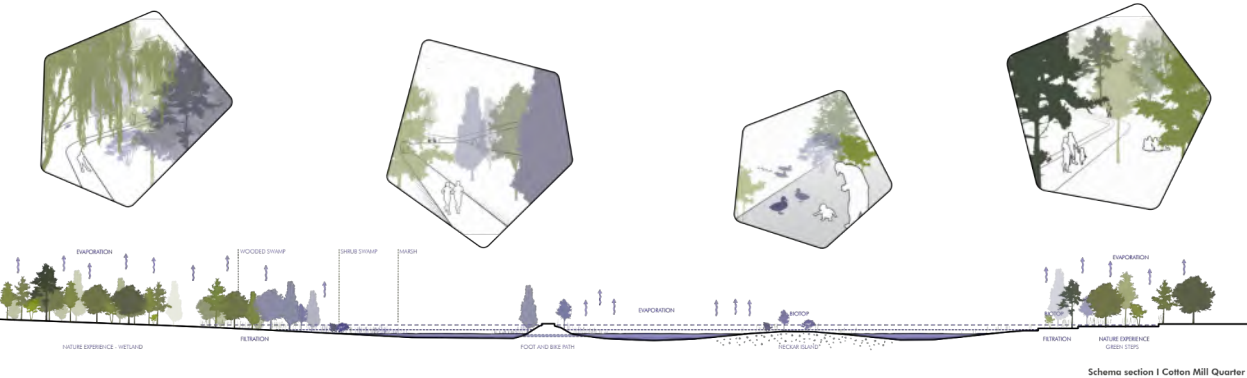
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GETTING ALL THREADS TOGETHER

ESTIMATE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES: Due to the impacts of climate change, prolonged droughts 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-sealed surface areas are necessary. This can be achieved by reducing road 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 question of natural flood protection is relevant. 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 wider corridor.



RECOGNIZE AN USE NATURAL FUNCTIONS

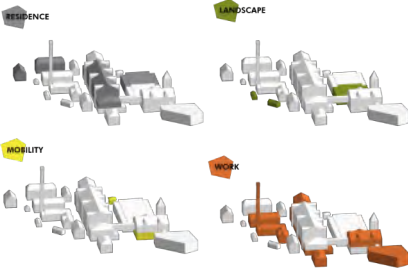


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REVITALIZE THE COTTON MILL

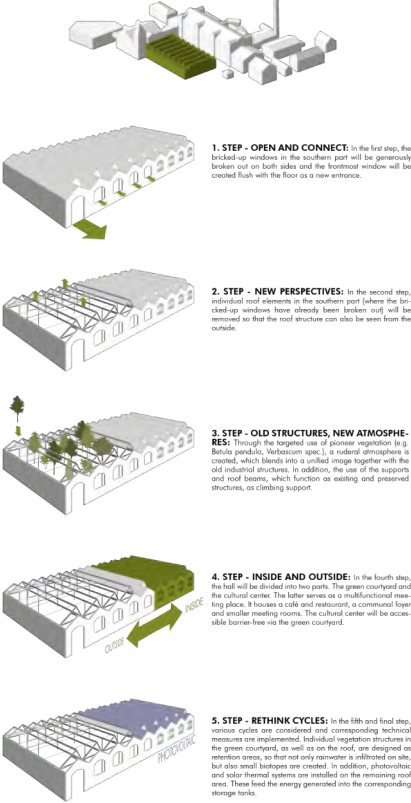
THE COTTON MILL AREA AS AN EXPERIMENTAL FIELD: The Cotton Mill site becomes an experimental field and future best practice model. Various fields of action from the four thematic areas are applied on the site. Through temporary projects, new developments can be tested and incorporated into the spatial 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 reorganization 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 life within the competition area. Here, the four future themes are applied too. A detailed specialization 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 (landscape, 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 microclimatic improvements through shading or evaporation and the experience of nature.

WATER: Increasing extreme rainfalls often temporarily overload 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 utilized 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.

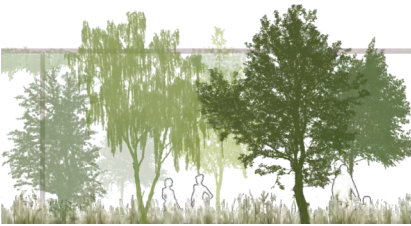
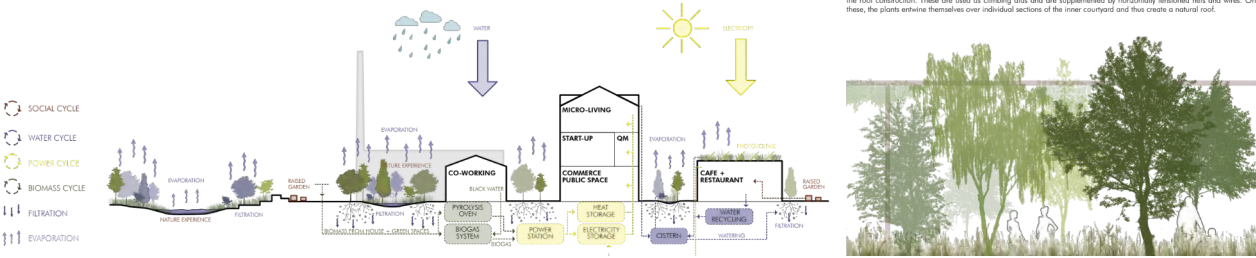
FOOD AND BIOMASS: Any biomass produced, whether from households or green waste, can either be composted or fed into the biogas plant. The latter is fed by black and gray water and passes the energy obtained to the power station, which generates heat or electricity and then feeds it to the appropriate 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.

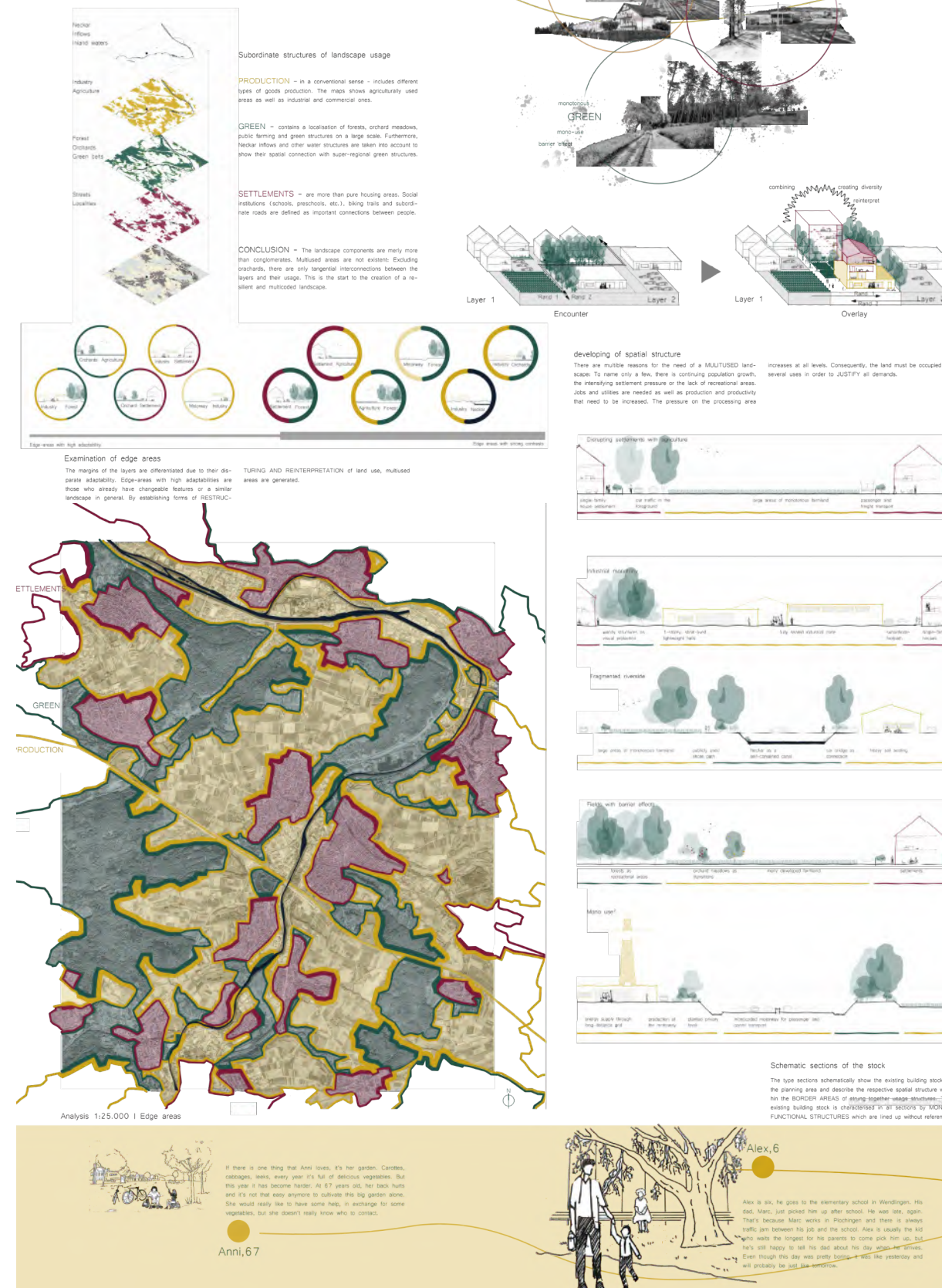
VEGETATION CONCEPT

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 Betula pendula, which is characterized by a trailing and attractive bark and building density, 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 ruderal 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

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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 Neckar-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.

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PRODUCTIVITY - This layer expands to include all types of productivity, it is no longer designated just agriculture and industry, meaning a pure production of goods, but occupies parts of the settlement, education and recreation landscape. This includes, among others, energy production, EDUCATION and research, agriculture, CREATIVITY, industry, intellectual achievements, production at a broader level and classical trade receive the same value.

HUMAN - The focus lies on the human being as an INDIVIDUAL. The needs regarding everyday life will be adapted to future requirements and circumstances.

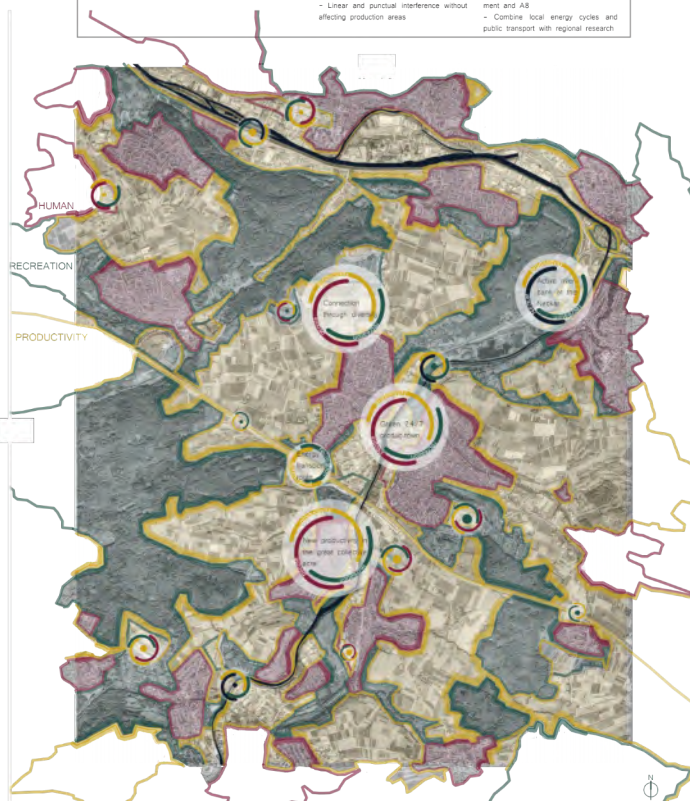
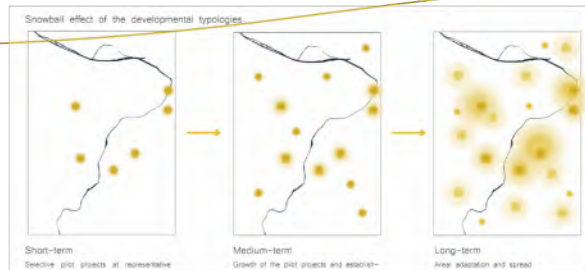
RECREATION - Green spaces as RECOVERY SPACES are made ACCESSIBLE for people and are used in a variety of ways. This also includes unconventional areas, such as newly created intermediate areas of fields.

Since these functions overlap, it becomes possible for more areas to be taken into RECREATIONAL USE and to be linked unconventionally to production areas.

CONNECTING CONTRASTS is based on the overlay of already competing usage structures. Already a current trend of land expansion in housing and production areas is to be observed. The concept reinvents the effect of land consumption. Therefore, existing areas are being reinvented in terms of their USAGE STRUCTURE. The key to the spatial transfer of the concept is the BORDER AREA. Areas, that meet and define the transition of usage borders to monocultured areas, are going to be transition areas rather than borderlines.

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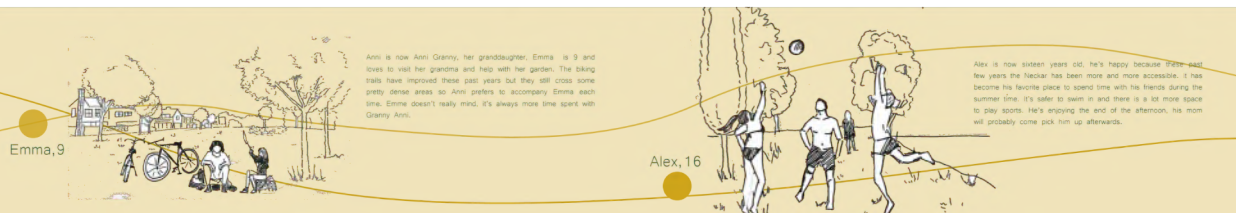
Analysis
Concept
Detail
Libero



Concept 1:25,000 | Medium-term level of development

Schematic sections of the development typologies

Based on selected locations, PRINCIPLES OF OVERLAPPING USAGE are explained. These types demonstrate the transformation of areas, which CONNECT the layers meeting each other and enable versatile use. They represent the functions that are superimposed and the way they might look on various projects. The typologies of the sections are INDIVIDUALIZED during the implementation depending on the situation and adapted to the places. An exemplary application of this construction kit is shown by the following design of the detailing area.



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Product.town - Areas of industrial use are additionally covered with spaces for PUBLIC AND CULTURAL USES. By transforming fair buildings into STOREY BUILDINGS, spatial potential is induced in favor for green structures as well as residential space.

Bank.out - The Neckar is allowed to SPREAD OVER THE PRESENT RIVERBANKS. In this area, the focus lies on nature but it's planned to be ACCESSIBLE AND TRAVERSABLE FOR PEOPLE by a web of footbridges.



bahn.brechen festival - The site of the festival "bahn.brechen" is also regarded as the SPATIAL CENTER OF AN ONGOING PARTICIPATION PROCESS. It's located directly between two new ICE lines and is always connected to the spinning mill.

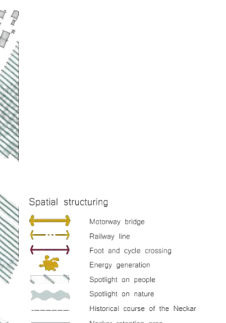
Reviving and moving - Because of the mobility concept it's possible to induce traffic-carried zones. Those can be transformed from a traffic-only type of usage to areas with PEOPLE-FOCUSED USES like child play or parents meeting each other.

Attention - Isotope areas will be preserved in their character and INTEGRATED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT through changes in the surroundings.



Land use in stock

- building area
- built-up, sealed
- agricultural, large-scale
- greened, mostly natural



Spatial structuring

- Motorway bridge
- Railway line
- Foot and cycle crossing
- Energy generation
- Spotlight on people
- Spotlight on nature
- Historical course of the Neckar
- Neckar retention area



Future usage of buildings

- New multi-storey housing
- Living in former industry
- Vertical industrial buildings
- New productivity of the Spinning mill
- Productivity in former housing
- Green structures in former industry

mobility in progress



Mobility concept | development steps of road space

nnecting ntrasts

Analysis
Concept
Detail
Libero



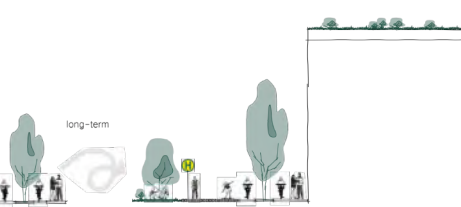
Detailing area 1:2500 | Transfer and individualization

From large into small scale

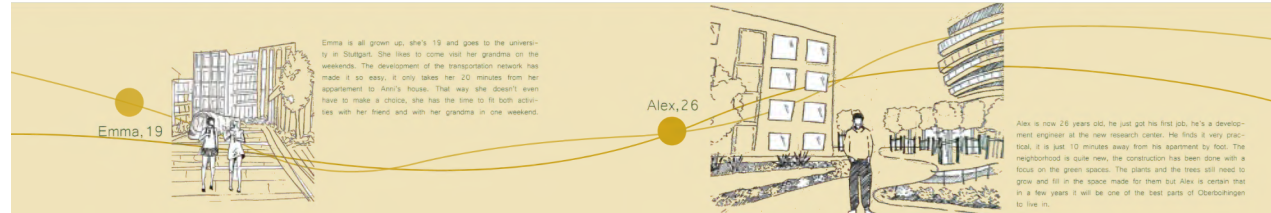
According to the larger concept, the existing borders of the detailing area are transformed by linear, punctual or even more extensive interventions. This way, the concept is followed and the tools shown in the sections can SPREAD INDIVIDUALLY AND GIVE ADAPTED ANSWERS TO THE LOCAL SITUATION.

From a traffic-only-use to a zone of social interaction

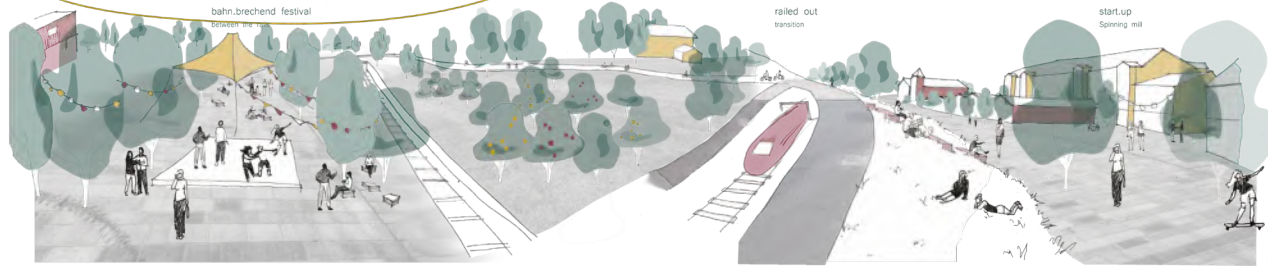
The structure of the future mobility divides up to three zones, oriented on the DISTANCE TO COVER AND REACT WITH SUITABLE VEHICLES. - The shorter the distance, the smaller and more individual the vehicle - In short-distance areas like residential areas or city centers, the potential space is EQUALLY SHARED by pedestrians, bicycles and cargo bikes for Transportation. These areas are free of cars and regarded as GREEN SPACES FOR RESIDENCE OR ENCOUNTERS. Thereby, the quality of life and the amount of social interaction is increased. The extended distances from out of town can be compensated by more complex but public vehicles. At mobility hubs people can change from their short-distance vehicle of choice to car-sharing, bus or shuttle. In order to manage short-regional distances, the mobility concept uses the already existing infrastructure of highways. But the main focus lies on a lot of people at once instead of focusing on individuals. Tunnel-buses, shared cars or trainways are more productive and sustainable alternatives that can reduce the volume of traffic significantly.



Mobility concept | development steps of road space



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 this 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 im-

portant to connect the site with the context between the rails and with the Spinning Mill. Spatially the concept is oriented at the 'COFFED' whereas in terms of content the importance of the participation is emphasized and spatially located in the 'bahn.brechend' Festival.

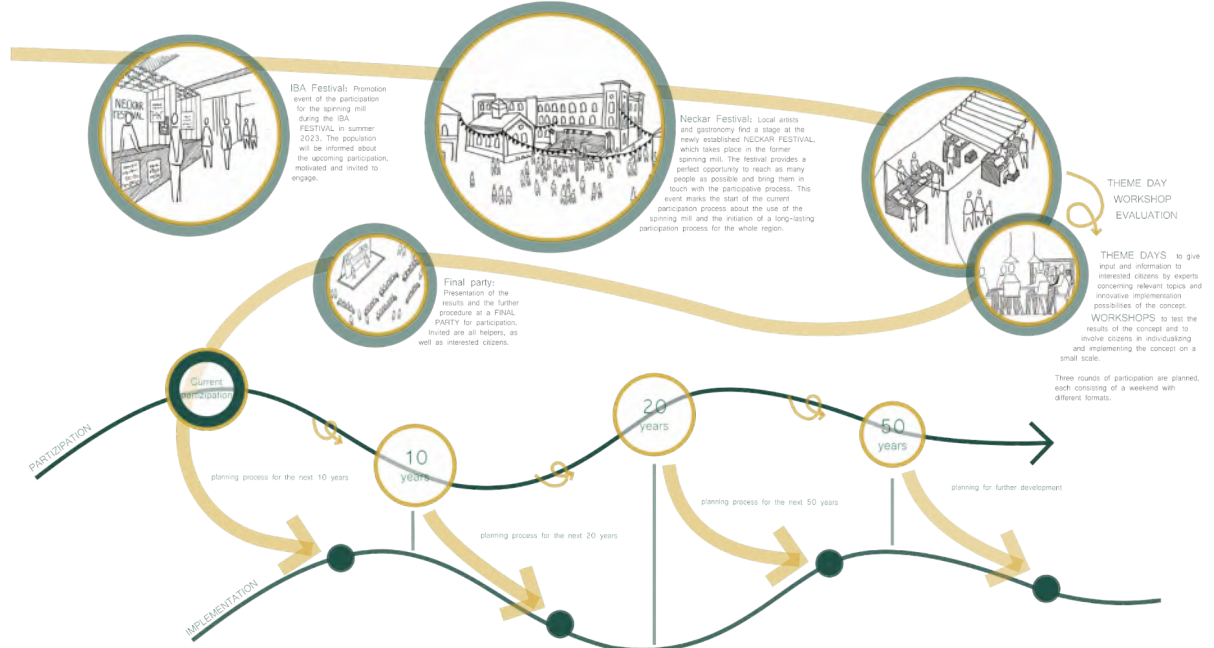
The spinning mill represents the centre of our new productivity - versatile use with different functions generates RESILIENCE AND VARIETY. By conferring different types of professions - just like science, culture and arts - in the newly built offices, we give them space to FEEL INSPIRED and to benefit from each other. Buildings in the north of housing areas in combination with promenades along local and unique green structures correct the new productivity with everyday life and recreational use. In its function as an established festival location with a connection to the BAHNBRECHEND 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 desating area at the Spinning mill, participation is started on a small scale during the IBA and future participation is spatially located in the bahn.brechend 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 adaptation 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

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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

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NEW CONNECTING INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS



the region against flood. Green areas are stitched together thanks to green corridors so that grey infrastructure is also a mean of connection. Those sustainable solutions also benefit the well-being of the inhabitants. It allows them to experience their landscape by offering green recreational areas, community parks, meeting squares, ...

The neckar cotton mill area, that gave birth to industrial activities and the fragmentation can also be the initiator of a unified pleasant sustainable future. The proposal for the neckar cotton mill tends to demonstrate the potential of the neckar landscape. A more self-sufficient neighborhood based on circular metabolism is created.

Using water and sun energy, the neighborhood is energetically independent. Food and materials circularity take place in the cotton mill areas. The coexistence of start-up and coworking areas with housings and youth residences allow knowledge sharing that takes place in the form of workshops and do-it-yourself ateliers. Like stitching a spider's web, every program created in the cotton mill echoes in the surrounded fragments.

A connected network is created.

The neckar seam is the final stitch of the landscape. It works in direct relation with the river and its surroundings. While the river can vary in size, the walkable seam still allows direct communication between the communities. It creates passage. The river and its potential are enhanced by renaturalizing, reconnecting and redeveloping interactions.

Our proposition aims to be the start of a resilient future that promotes sustainability, growth, culture and social development to create a stronger bond between all the actors and the landscape

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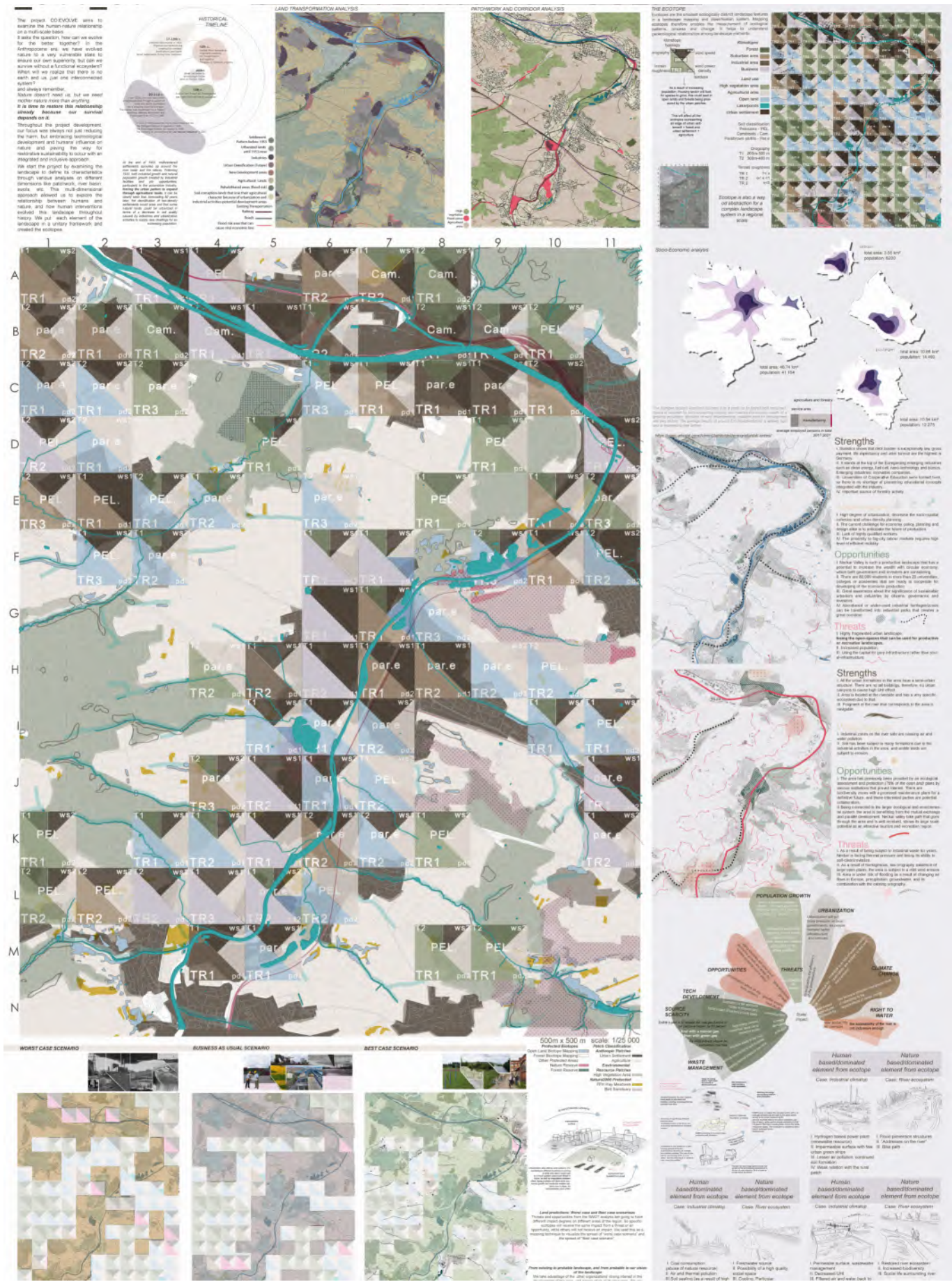
Positive Anthropocene

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



POSITIVE ANTHROPOCENE



Primary Objectives

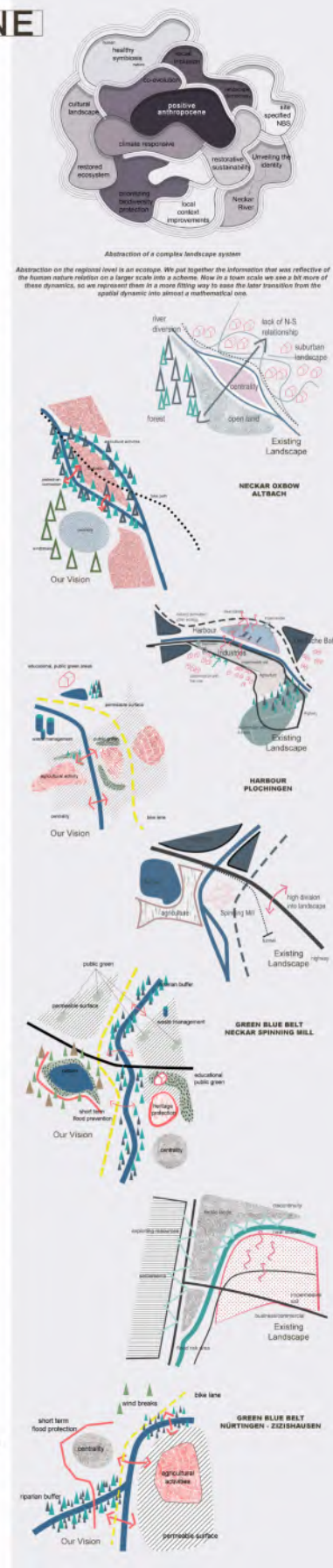
- New quality public space
- Bike lane
- Increased pedestrian mobility
- Waste management
- Innovative agriculture
- Collaborative working
- Agricultural center
- Educational, collaborative public green
- Urban agricultural practices
- Flood risk prevention
- Wind erosion prevention
- Permeable surface
- Water erosion restoration

Existing land use

- High-density Urban Settlement
- Low-density Urban Settlement
- Agricultural Lands
- Forest
- Water Elements

Conservation Initiatives

- Cultural landscape
- Natural heritage
- Built heritage



POSITIVE ANTHROPOCENE

Figure 1 consists of three maps of the study area. The left map shows the location of the study site (yellow dot) and the location of the study site (yellow dot). The middle map shows the location of the study site (yellow dot) and the location of the study site (yellow dot). The right map shows the location of the study site (yellow dot) and the location of the study site (yellow dot).







The left map is a historical aerial photograph of the Necker Spinning Mill site. It shows the mill complex, which includes several large buildings and a central courtyard. The surrounding area is densely built up with residential and commercial structures. A river or canal is visible on the right side of the map.

The right map is a masterplan diagram of the Necker Spinning Mill site. It shows the layout of the mill complex and surrounding urban area. The legend identifies the following buildings and infrastructure:

- Water Power Station
- Weaving Hall
- Main Building
- Water
- Tribunes
- Warehouse
- Warehouse
- Residential
- Residential
- Coal Power Station

NECKER SPINNING MILL MASTERPLAN

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|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Important interpretation node 3. Cultural landscape, heritage 4. Greenhouse as a natural protection area |  |
| <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highway dividing the landscape 2. Existing in the border of 4 different municipalities 3. Unprotected areas along the river 4. Poor coordination between natural risks and human activities |  |
| <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High density but almost rural building structures 2. Many start-ups running their business in the area 3. Governmental support for energy efficient, zero carbon district 4. The construction of the Albatross railway tunnel |  |
| <p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large open fields subject to wind erosion 2. Flooding 3. Urban sprawl |  |











STRATEGY MAP 1/5000



Abstraction of a complex landscape system; detail area scale

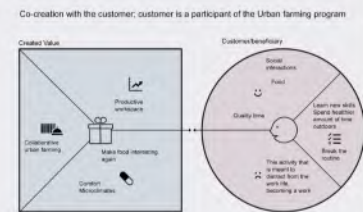
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|  | Permeable Soil |
|  | Semi-intensive Green Roof |
|  | Riparian Buffer |
|  | Lake |
|  | Sensory Garden |
|  | Urban Park |
|  | Cultural Heritage Site |
|  | Railway |

Solutions guide

| Resource recovery | Heritage Conservation |
|--|------------------------------------|
| AES - Alternative energy systems | R - Restoration |
| RS - Renewable source | P - Promotion |
| Mng - Microclimate to reduce energy demand | Pr - Protection |
| UF - Urban forest | CM - Collaborative Management |
| WE - Water elements | CC - Cultural Center |
| St - Street trees | Pr - Protecting Rare/Endemic Flora |
| | Ref - Re-defined Functions |
| | Pr - Productive Garden |
| | A - Accessibility for all |
| | Risk Management |
| | GB - Green belt |
| | W - Windbreaks |
| | UF - Urban forest |
| | RB - Riparian buffer |
| | St - Soil improvement techniques |
| | B - Biochar |
| | F - Floodplain |
| | ED - Erosion control |
| | DC - Erosion control |
| Storm water/Rainwater management | Gr - Green - cutting strategies |
| VP/G - Vegetated grid pavement | UF - Urban farming |
| BW - Bare/soil | WMSt - Weekly market |
| FS - Fire Shields | Seasonal festivals |
| DF - Detention Pond | W - Workshops |
| RH - Rainwater Harvesting | |

Long term relationship, customer is a cafe/restaurant

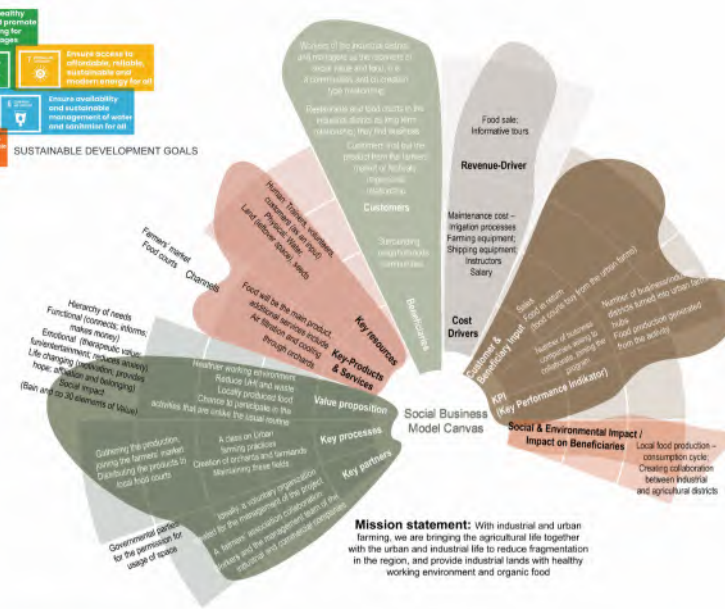
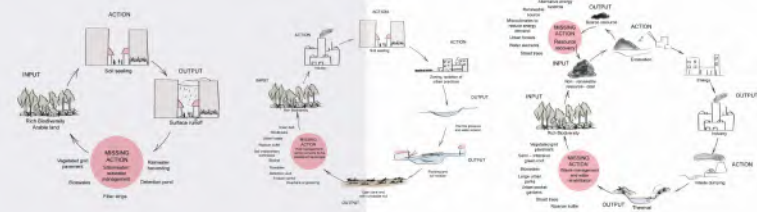


The diagram illustrates the relationship between 'Created Value' and 'Customer Territory'. On the left, a box labeled 'Created Value' contains icons for a truck, a gift, a bar chart, and a lightbulb, with the text 'Locally produced food'. On the right, a circle labeled 'Customer Territory' is divided into four quadrants: 'Expense to participate in the marketplace', 'Production processes in an area', 'Active force for the marketplace', and 'In the beginning inventory of the products used in the market'. An arrow points from the 'Created Value' box to the 'Customer Territory' circle.

The diagram illustrates a cyclical process for a seasonal agricultural festival. It features three main stages arranged in a clockwise loop:

- INPUT:** Represented by an icon of trees and the text "For Sustainability" and "Active land".
- ACTION:** Represented by an icon of people working in a field, labeled "Soil working".
- OUTPUT:** Represented by an icon of a field with a person, labeled "Surface runoff".

Arrows indicate the flow from INPUT to ACTION, then to OUTPUT, and finally back to INPUT, completing the cycle.

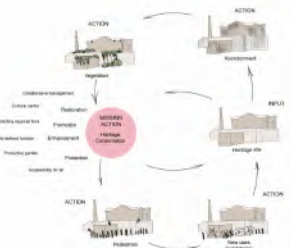
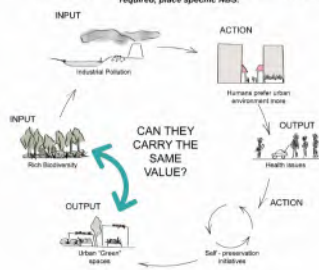


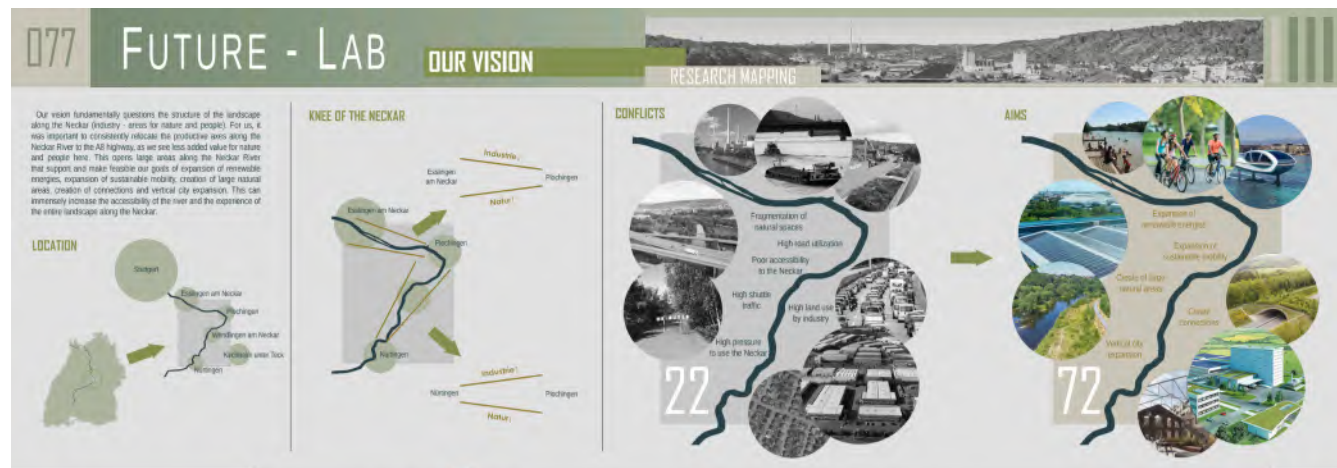
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START OF URBAN FARMING WORKSHOPS

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.





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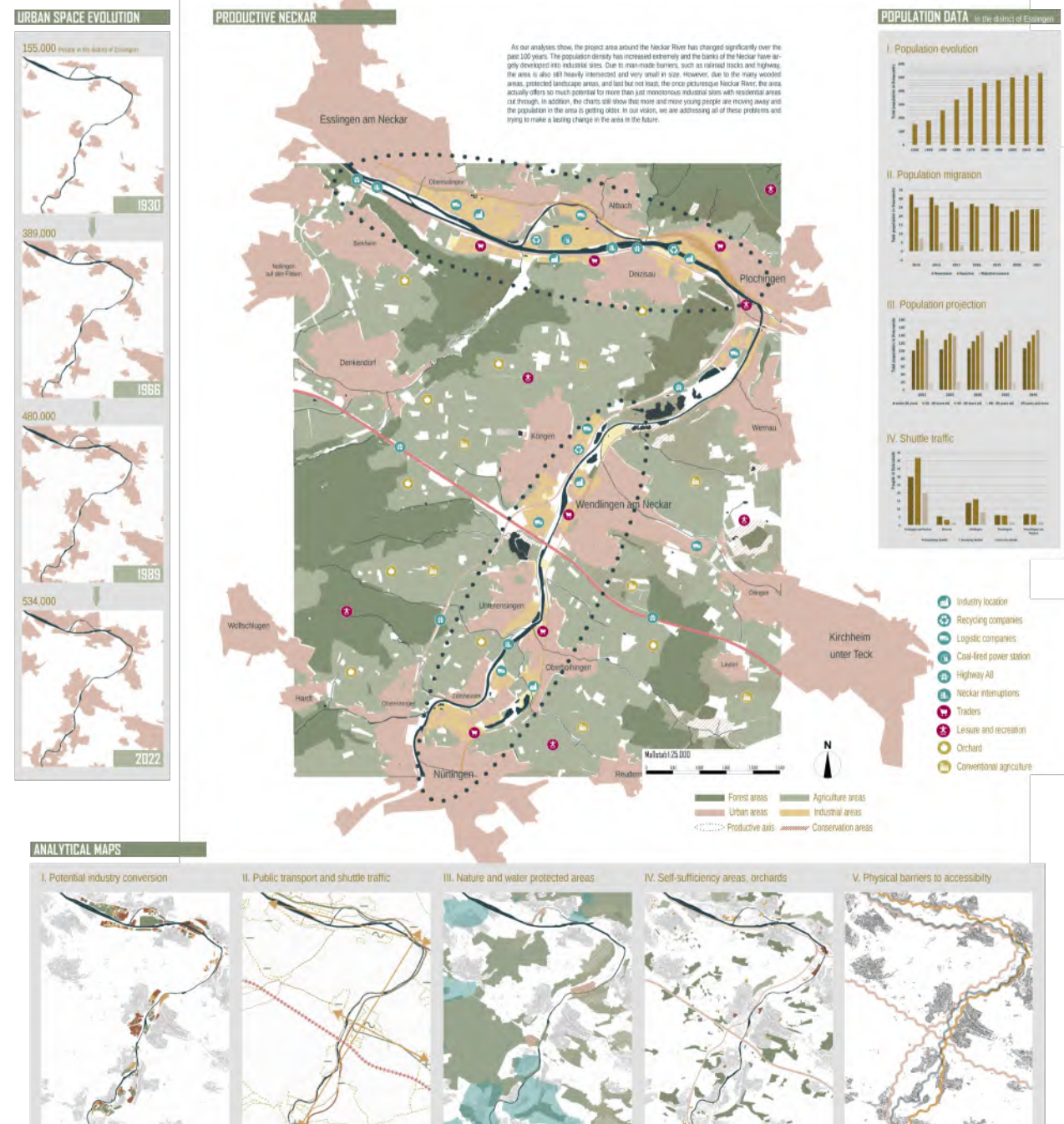
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Future Lab

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)



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REAL WORLD EXPERIMENT

The basic idea of reconstructing only works through constant cleaning and constant cleaning of land. This idea should be considered a Real-World Experiment for the entire region. In the individual areas, right suburban living sites are created in which the goals of the vision can be realized in different ways. The vision demonstrates a clearly recognizable character and identity that must be preserved, reinterpreted, 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 subgoals.

A superordinate mobility concept serves as a requirement to the idea and ensures the feasibility and networking of the companies and the population. Mobility hubs adjacent to urban developments are to manage incoming individual traffic and convert passenger traffic to the new industrial sites and existing cities by means of public transportation and an increasingly developed bicycle network. This connection is secured by the Connection Points. In the process, individual transport will be greatly reduced and completely banned from the cities and the newly emerging industrial locations.

In order to avoid recreating the problems of increasing and sealing and the unattractive quality of many existing industrial sites to the highway, the new industrial sites should develop further in their structure and utility function. Social facilities for workers, green corridors and large-scale recreational areas transform a purely industrial settlement into a sustainable, productive and attractive working neighbourhood.

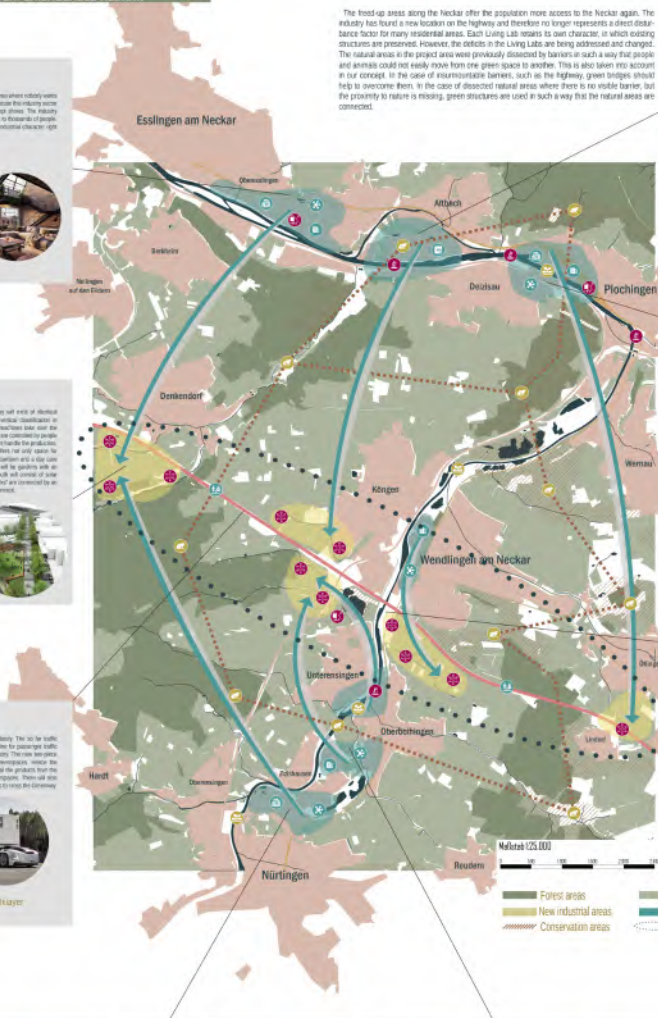
MOBILITY CONCEPT



PRODUCTIVE NECKAR



EXPERIENCEABLE NECKAR



INDUSTRIAL LIVING



RESURRECTED INDUSTRY



PRODUCTIVE GREENWAY



GREEN CITY



RECREATION JUNGLE



ENERGY PARK



TIMELESS HARBOUR



ART & CULTURE VENUE



LEGEND



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LIVING-LAB PLOCHINGEN

In the vision for the Living-Lab Plochingen, the restructuring of the space and our ideas are shown in a concrete example. The building structures of the former port facility as well as the architecture of the industrial buildings will be largely preserved and reused. New features are being built while maintaining the rough, rough character of the port facility.

The buildings will be transformed into offices and residences and will become public spaces of housing as well as services such as the IT or research services. The former buildings with different shapes, history and transport functions retain their identity and are made accessible and experienceable for users. A marketplace (Marktplatz), an event location (Marktplatz), temporary consumer settlements, several recreational facilities (Golfplatz, Deutscher Tower, BayWa Tower) as well as ecological priority areas for nature conservation are being created. Likewise, the Neckar river will be made accessible and experienceable through stepped locations.

The functionality of the mobility concept (Connection Mobility Hub) as well as path functionalities for pedestrians and bicycles are also evident through concrete location. In addition, water sites are considered for networking in the navigable area of the first world 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.

LOCATION



CARGO SHIPPING HARBOUR



TIMELESS HARBOUR



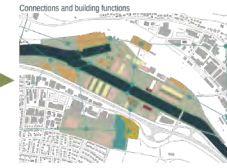
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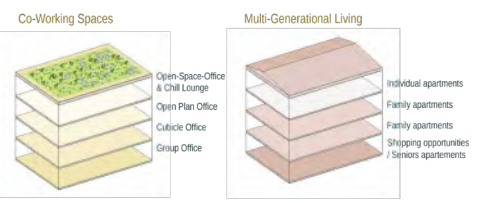
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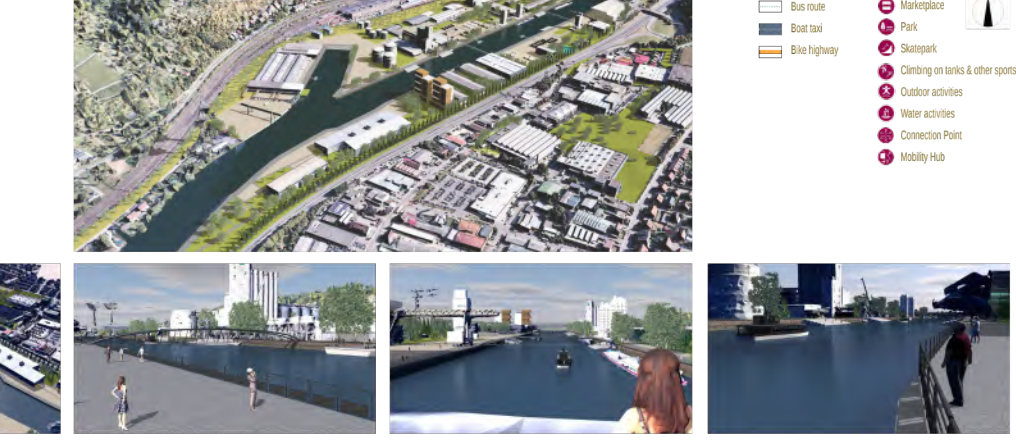
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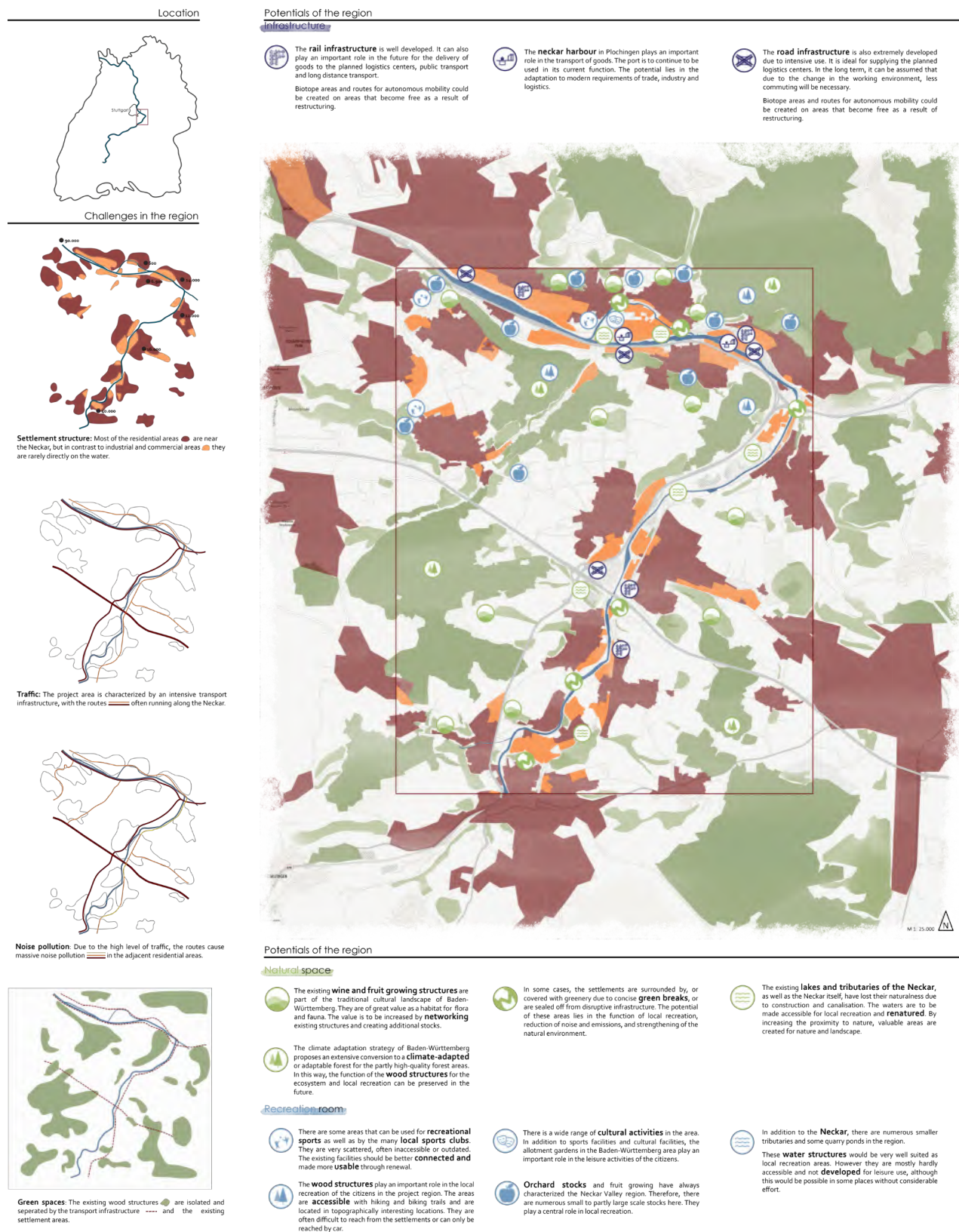


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Productive Mobility

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.

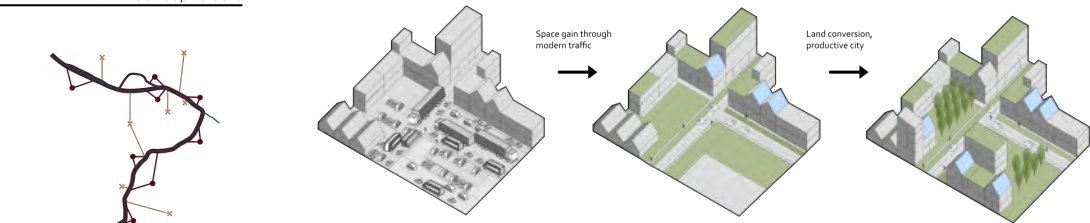
Industrial and commercial areas are also often located directly on the Neckar.

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.

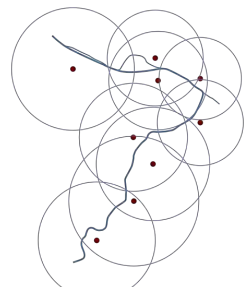
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Concept blocks

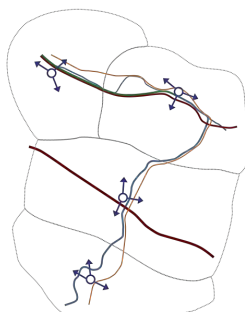


The greater Stuttgart area is characterized by industry, commerce and transport. It is burdened like no other in Germany. Due to limited space and difficult topographical terrain, there is an extremely dense infrastructure along the Neckar. Through a **restructuring of traffic** and also through the **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.

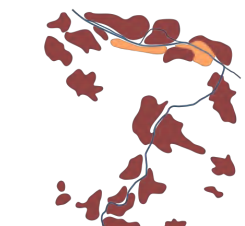
The **mobility route** — connects all the essential elements of the region.



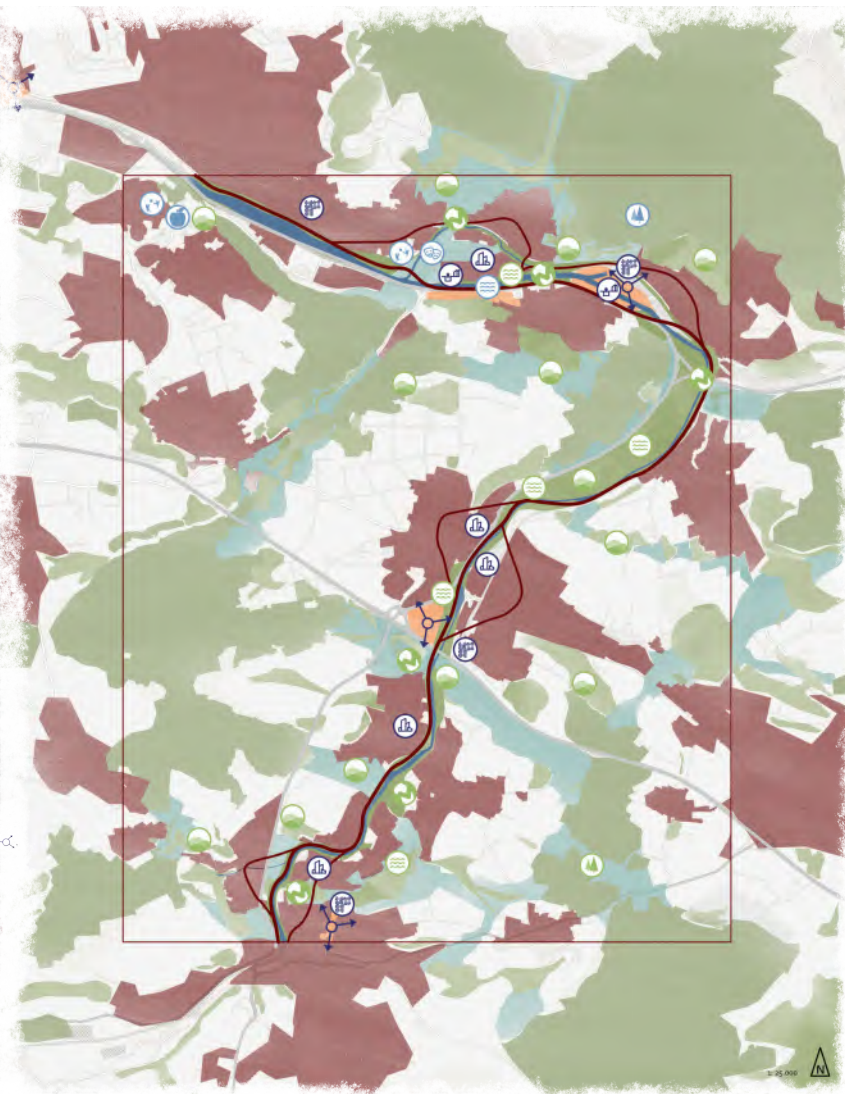
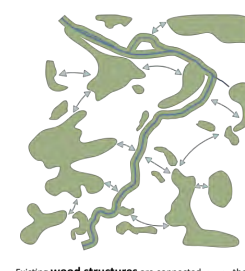
Autonomous public transport — reduces the need for private transport.



The region is supplied via individual **logistics centers** —

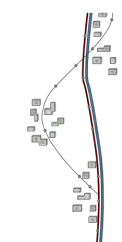


The **settlement structure** — is changing towards a productive city with individual **industrial areas** —



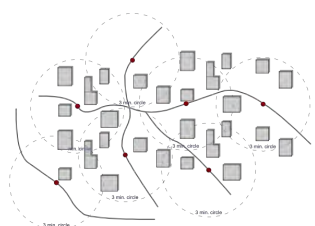
Elements for future mobility

1. Mobility route



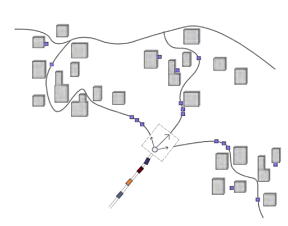
The **main mobility route** — runs along the **Neckar**. From here it connects town centers and local recreation areas with each other. It is intended for individual traffic at low

2. Autonomous public transport



The vehicles of the **future public transport** will work **autonomously** and be smaller than conventional buses. Therefore, the need of street and parking areas will be smaller. They are constantly moving on the streets and can therefore be **called up** at any time **within a few minutes**.

3. Logistic centers



All goods are delivered by heavy traffic to the **logistics centers** in the project area. From here they are delivered with **smaller vehicles** to all consumers if required. In this way, **streets** in settlements remain **free of heavy traffic** and distribution becomes more efficient at the same time.

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

08 Productive mobility

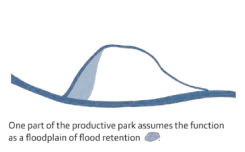
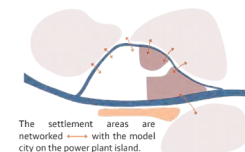
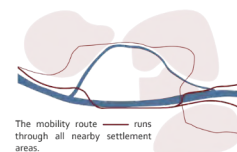
Sustainable thoughts about future

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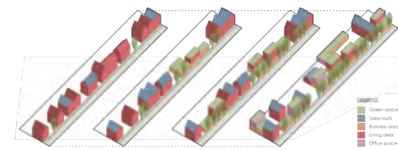
Location



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.

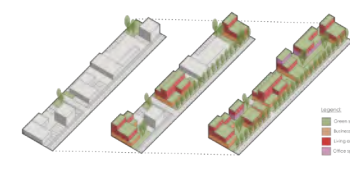
In the existing settlement areas, there will be an expansion towards autonomous public transport. In addition, the core area will be connected to the mobility route in order to better network them in the future via private transport.



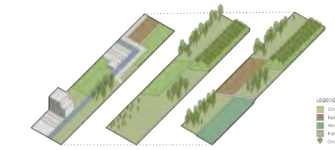
Model city



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.

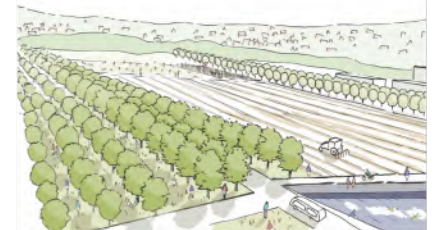


Productive park



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.



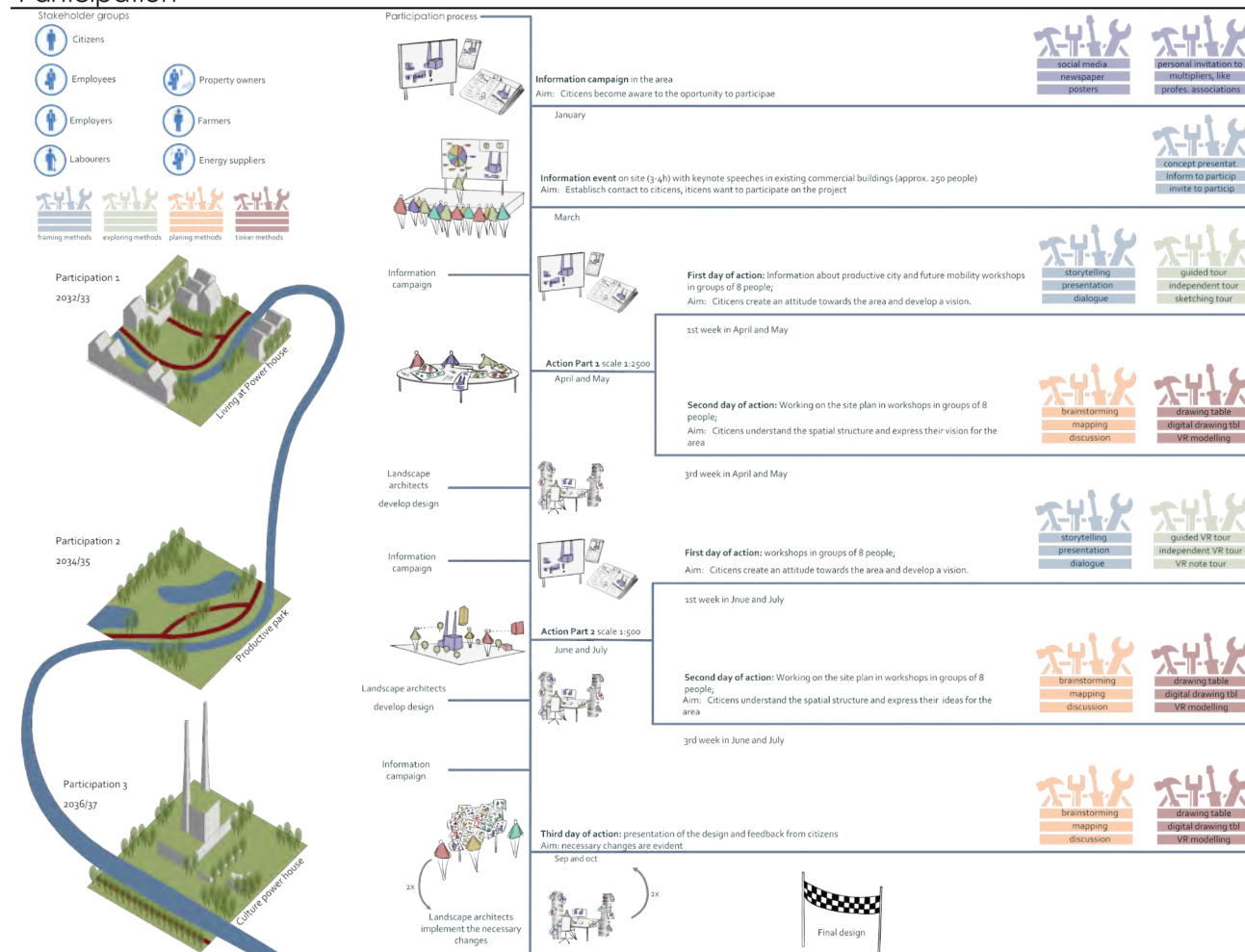
The restructuring of the commercial areas also ensures a large gain in space within towns and along the Neckar.

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





CONCEPT
Repowering Capital of the Region

Repowering the Neckar landscape & Producing new symbiotic urbanism

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NECKARNET: CONNECTING the Neckar Region on different scales



CAPTION

- Neckar Bridges
- Buildings
- Forest
- Orchard/meadow
- Agroforestry
- Cultivated Forest
- Green bridge
- Nature 2000 Area
- Infrastructure
- Bikingways
- Bike Highways
- Staplines
- Neckar Bicycleway
- Viewpoint
- Railway
- Nature Protection Walls
- Railroad junction
- Resource Hub
- Working Hub
- Central IT Axis
- Building structures
- Citycenter
- Reduction potential
- Energy
- District heating
- Wind park
- Solar park
- Hydroelectric power station

CONCEPT PLAN

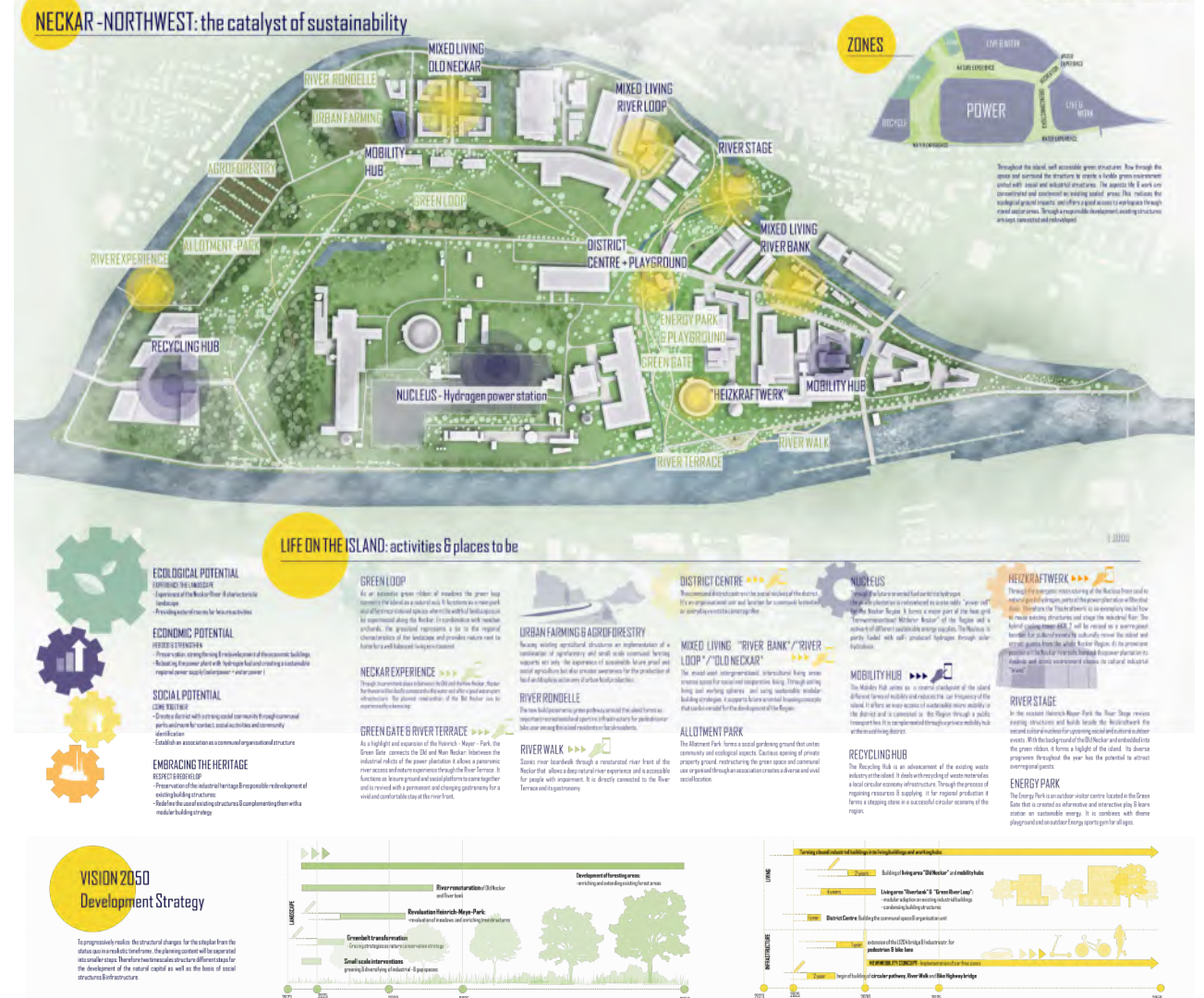
RIVER DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT



SPACIAL AIMS



Neckar-Northwest: the catalyst of sustainability



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NATURE EXPERIENCE

A diverse program of outdoor experience infrastructure provides a long-term experience close to home. Different places for various activities and different generations guarantee that a broad audience is covered.

Neckar-NORTHWEST: innovative living districts in nature

How can a smart and sustainable living district of the future look like? The shared district Neckar Northwest exemplifies an innovative form of living that combines social housing, collective shared living spaces and outdoor recreation to offer a new living and working environment for the modern urban life.

Being responsible with living in nature, the urban living area adapts to existing building ground and landscape conditions. It combines existing infrastructure and new infrastructure, including through a central addition of living and working spaces of economy, industry, services, food supply and recreation. It is a district that is designed to be a model for the future of urban living.

For a future-oriented building design, the ecological conditions of the site are taken into account. Building materials, their energy production and their carbon footprint are considered. Green roofs and water ponds around the district will enhance the sustainable living and the district's connection to the regional district building for the future.

Living & Development

Combining the district living space in the green city region, the district effectively uses the space and creates a collective green community, surrounded by individual family houses. The focus of the building program is on common living spaces with flexible space use, including in the outdoor and public areas. The district is designed to be a model for the future of urban living, including public transport, as well as individual mobility to provide the perfect living environment.



OLD NECKAR: A social district amid nature

DIVERSITY as a key factor:

Family Unit

Neckar-Northwest is a social district for living in nature and living in a city. When we moved here, we experienced mostly the great supply of social structures and a diverse social and cultural environment. The requirement of a social district and the opportunity for a social district is a challenge. The social district is a place where people can live and work together. It is a place where people can live and work together. It is a place where people can live and work together.

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Adaptive (A) - urban environment

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HOW WILL WE BUILD? Mixed and adapted living typologies

Modular concept - intergenerational, sustainable & modular building

DISTRICT ORGANISATION

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SUPPLY

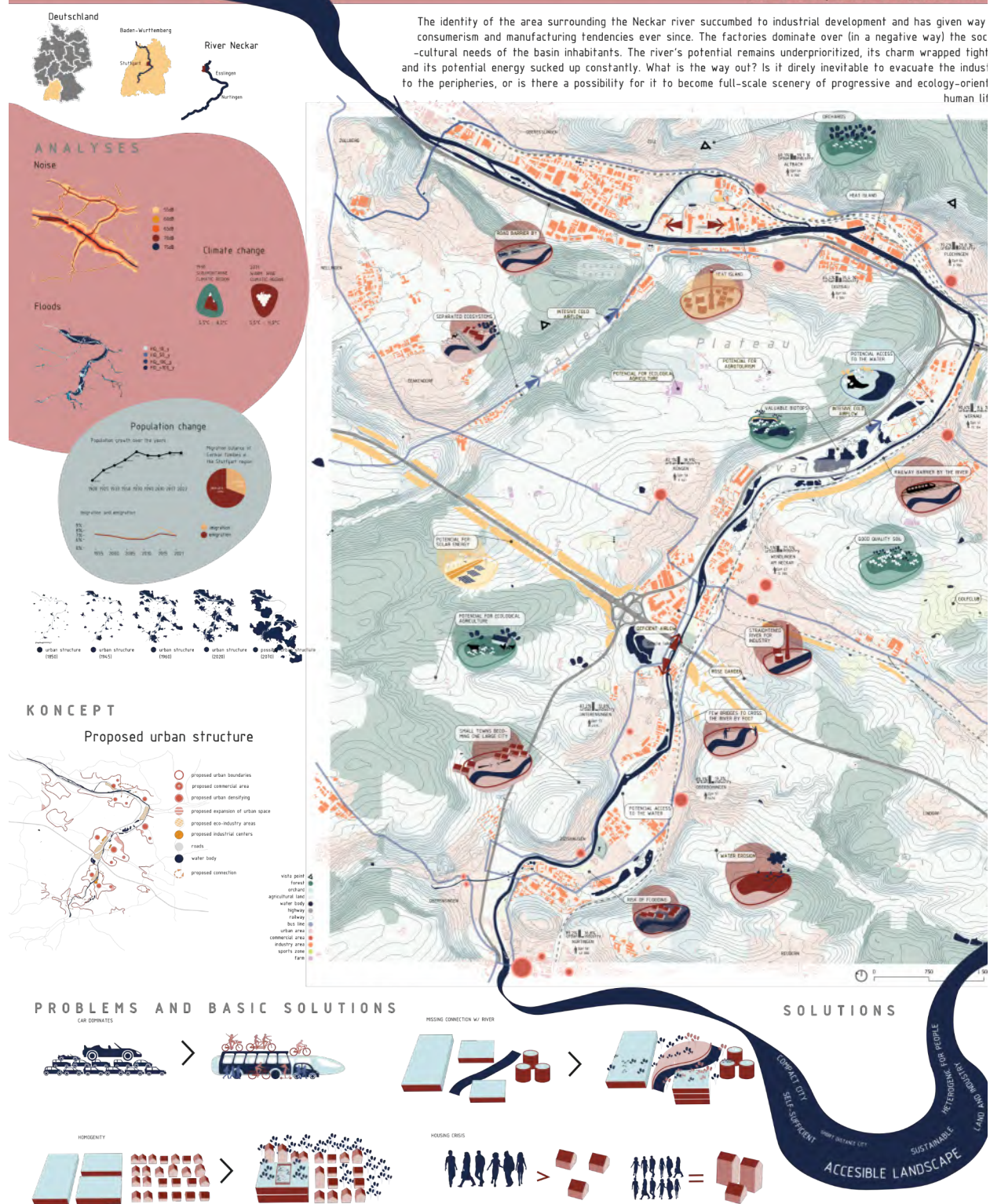
OUTDOOR INFOCENTER "Energy Adventure"

What about WASTE? - RECYCLING HUB & Circular Economy



167 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



Final Evaluation Round

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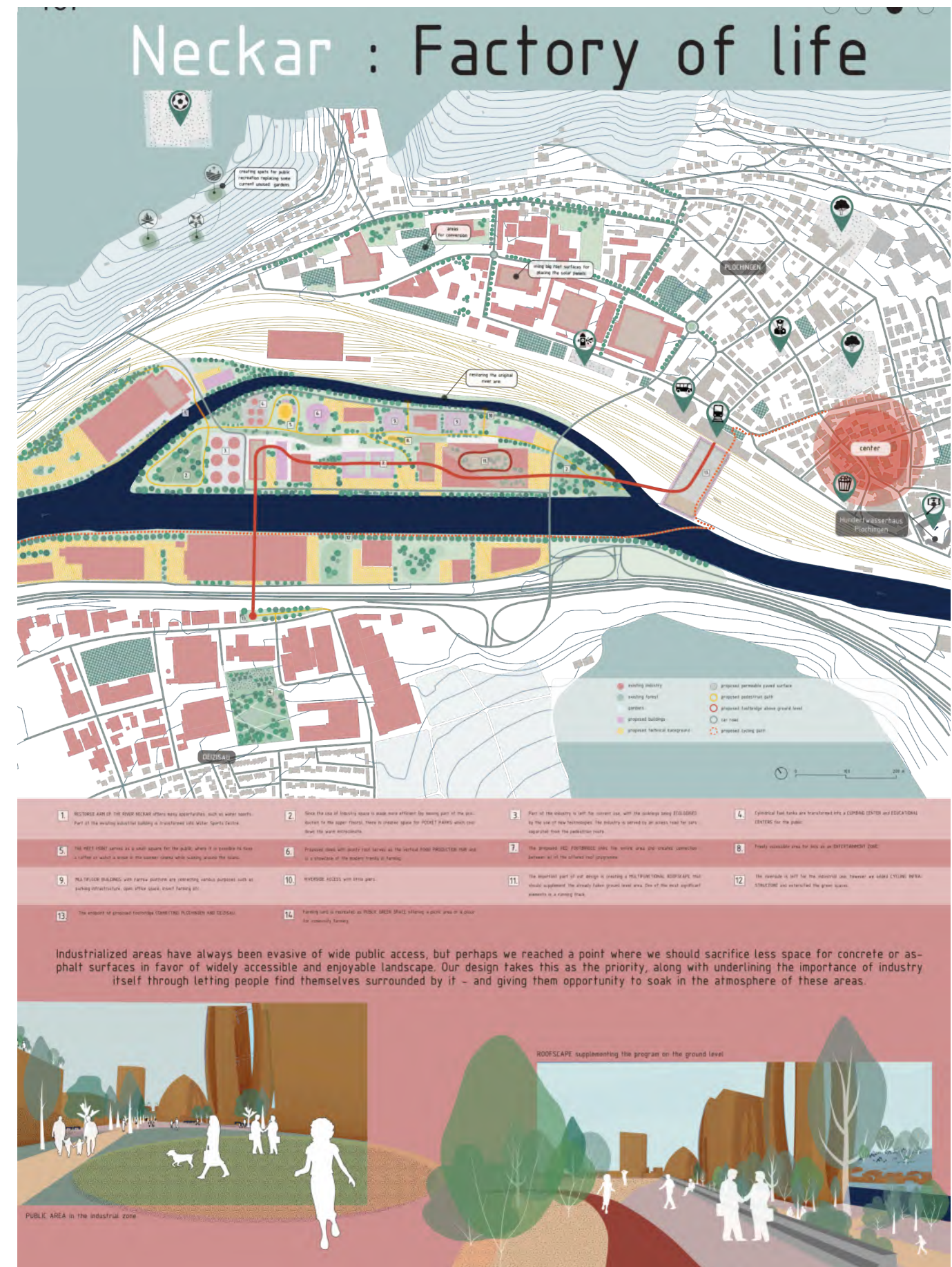
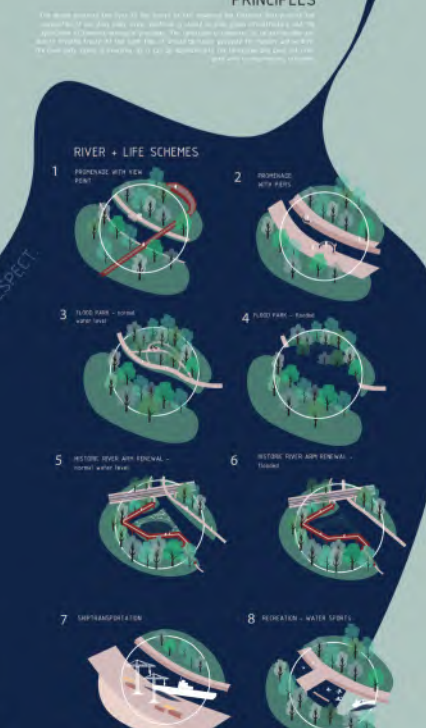
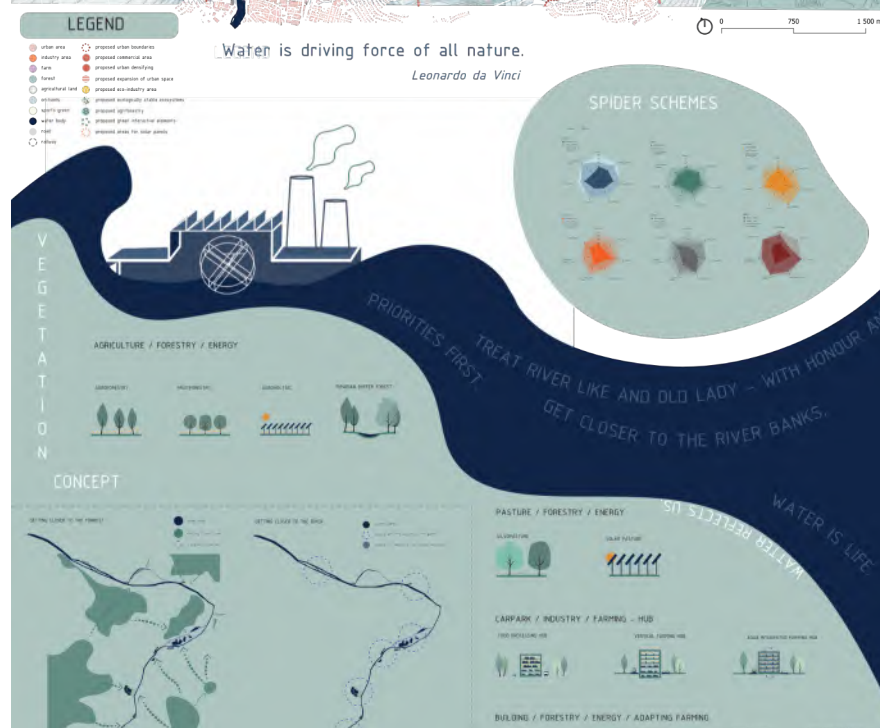
Neckar - Factory for Life

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.

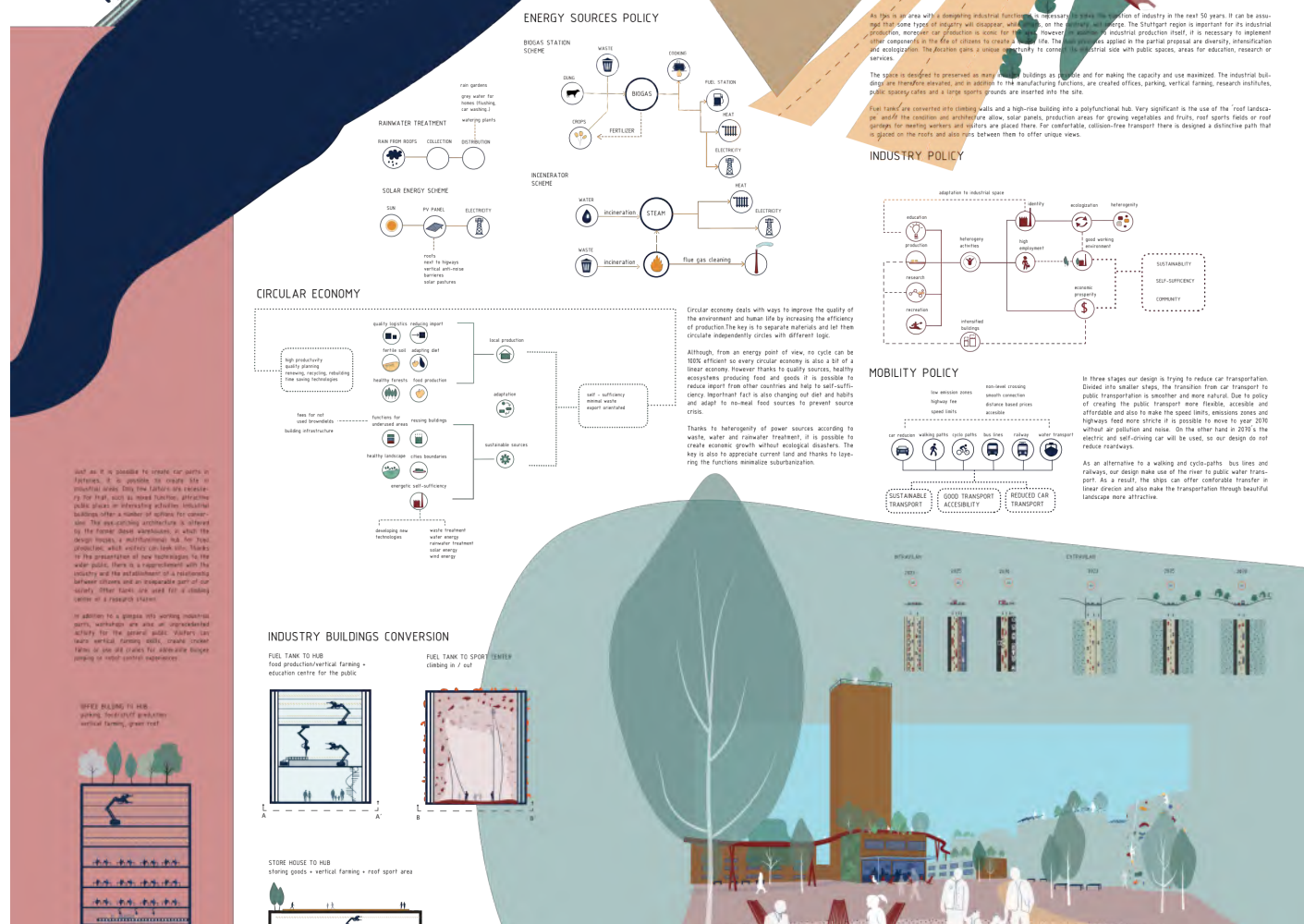
Our concept focuses on several principles which support sustainability and viability of this region. We propose increasing heterogeneity of space and buildings (hubs) by mixing different functions, not only in industrial and urban areas but also in agriculture by creating a rich mosaic and by using new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



One of the proposed ways of acquiring space for residents should be to promote the river - making some segments accessible and supporting biodiversity in its surroundings. In addition, the development of public spaces and streets within urban areas should be supported.

In the same manner these principles are implemented in the focus area to bring life there. The previously industrial site is made available to people by creating collision-free access or defining industrial, recreational, natural and multifunctional areas. Life is brought also above ground by constructing green roofs and an aboveground pedestrian footbridge connecting Plochingen and Deizisau.



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The story of a disconnected landscape, Analysis

Introducing the challenges

The Neckar valley, in the south-eastern 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 barriers and impermeable barriers.

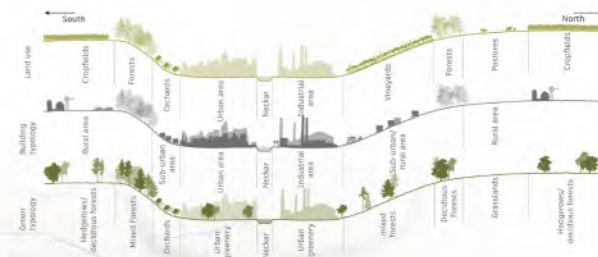
Apart from sprawling settlements, the valley is threatened by climate change, erosion, water pollution, reduced water buffer capacity and decreasing biodiversity. Furthermore, as of now the area is still dependent on fossil fuels, only having a few hydropower stations and a small amount of solar power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

Rivers through Europe provide fish and water supply. Settlements pop up along the Neckar, keeping their distance due to flood risk.

1845 A railway opens in the valley, boosting local economy.

1968 Because of industrialisation, the Neckar gets deepened and canalised.

Industry spreads towards the Neckar and additional water ways and flooding zones are added to prevent river overflows.

2017 Chemical water monitoring has found pollution due to industry and agriculture. In particular high phosphate levels interrupt the aquatic ecosystem. The hydroelectric power stations and the canalisation of the river cause disappearance of the native fish.

Railways became a barrier between residential and industrial areas. Industry becomes less dependent on the Neckar. Water slowly becomes a recreational asset rather than an industrial requirement.

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Flood prone in urban areas

Flooding will be a bigger risk in the future due to frequent downpours. 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 zones, 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.

Disconnection to river by trees

Disconnection to river by infrastructure

Disconnection to river by industry

Disconnection to river by agriculture

Disconnection to river by leisure

Disconnection to river by floodzones

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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.

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Bringing the Neckar riverscape together, Master plan

The revival

We based our design around three pillars: **Energy, Land management and 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. Whenever 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 uphill 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 valuable 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



Hydropower
Biomass
Wind
Solar
Geothermal
Total missing: 3,478 kWh/year per average household

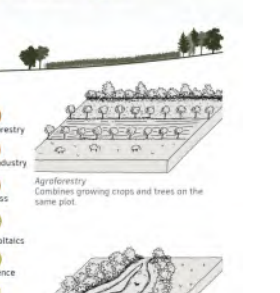
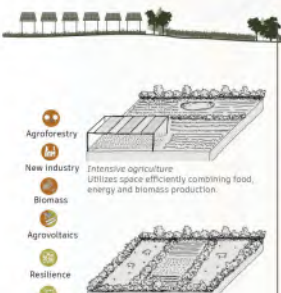
Solutions for disconnection between land and river



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Solutions

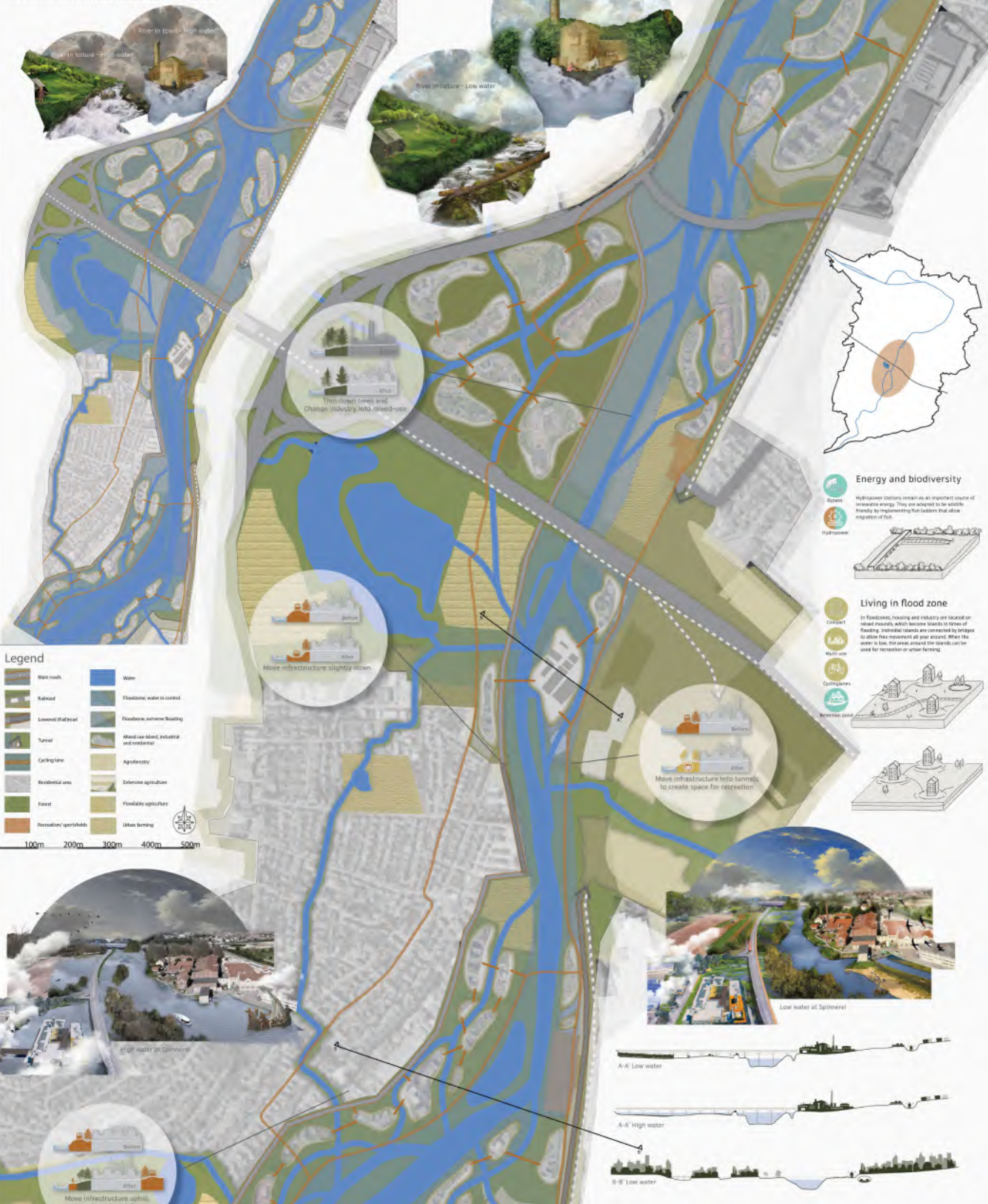


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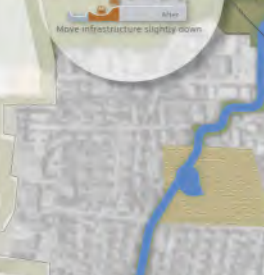
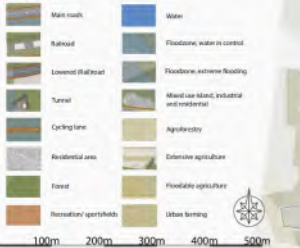
The Neckar in Depth, Elaboration

Fluctuating river

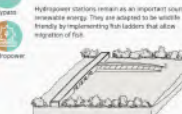
We have chosen to elaborate on the area surrounding the **Neckar Spinnerei**, since it represents the center of the Neckar valley. This is where the **revival, the Renaissance of the landscape begins**. We have redesigned both the lowlands and the upland, however our **focus is on the river system**. 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**.



Legend



Energy and biodiversity



Living in flood zone



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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 **investors, 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

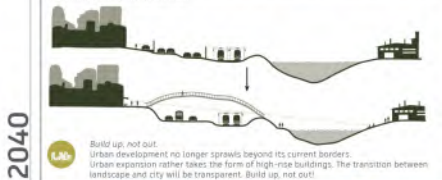
- Economy
- Ecology
- Participation
- Personal involvement and small business
- Corporations and NGOs
- Governmental organisations (Local, regional, national and European)
- Investment
- Profit
- Reinvestment
- Channelling

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.

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.

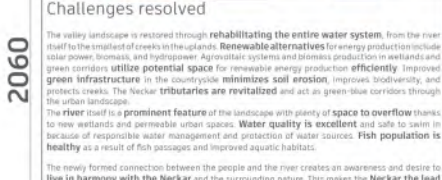


Dynamic living

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.

Soil is removed in certain parts to allow water to seep in and for the river to expand. New developments are built on roundabouts 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.

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.



Challenges resolved

The valley landscape is restored through **rehabilitating the entire water system**. From the river itself to the smallest of creeks in the uplands. **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 because of 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.



Transport reconsidered

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



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.



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. Agrotourism will bring more people to the area and provide opportunities to enjoy fresh produce, attractive landscape and biodiversity.



- Rainwater retention ponds
- Main-made ponds collecting rainwater to be used during dry spells for irrigation.
- Green corridors
- A network of hedges and trees that allow migration of fauna, protect streams and prevent soil erosion.
- Agrovoltaics
- Solar panels installed on agricultural land with crops growing underneath.
- Agrotourism
- Farm open to visitors, with a shop and restaurant offering local produce, accommodation and space for social gathering.
- Stream system
- Storm water detention ponds installed along the streams to prevent flooding.
- Orchards
- Pastures

Diverse countryside

Hedgerows 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 uphill. This exchange of genetic material keeps local populations healthy and strong, which in turn makes the riverscape resilient and future-proof.



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 fruit 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 extreme sunlight and torrential rain. Rainwater retention ponds and irrigation systems ensure stable water supply.



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