TÁBOR - PRAŽSKÉ SÍDLIŠTĚ



CONTEXT

Tábor is situated north of České Budějovice and of Prague, on the banks of the Lužnice River. The town is nestled in the Tábor Uplands, with its highest point being Hýlačka Hill at an altitude of 525 meters (1,722 feet) and its lowest point being the surface of the Lužnice River. The historic old town is perched on a hill above the river, a strategic location that historicall; y provided protection for the town. At the heart of Tábor lies the Jordán Reservoir. The city was founded in 1420 by the followers of Jan Hus, a reformist priest whose ideas challenged the Catholic Church's principles.





720 Müllerova mana Čech

Žižkovo námě

Pražské sídliště

The Prague housing estate "Pražák" was built in the late 1950s, when the need to build new apartment houses in Tábor arose. At that time Tábor has become the headquarters if the Western Military District and many solider and ther families arrived in the town. It was neccessary to provide housing for the new incomers. The housing estate began to grow betwwn the area of houses built in the 1930s and the village Klokoty. Apartment blocks, schools, kindergartens, a post office, utility exchanges, shops, garages, cultural facilities, restaurants, an ice rink, the Golden Candle (a complex with a supermarket, restaurant, hairdresser, buffet and several other shops under one roof) and other buildings, including the Otavan clothing factory, were built.





1960s



CURRENT STATE

9 degraded park area

11 parking lot - Crystal

10 bus stop

The current state of the area shows several significant problems that affect its overall attractiveness and functionality. Buildings are gradually losing their purpose, leading to underuse and decay. This trend is particularly concerning given the nearby new development that is planned. While this new development could bring opportunities, the area urgently needs revitalization to benefit from them. The greenery in the area is in poor condition, further detracting from the area's appearance. The place looks neglected, and the lack of care for public spaces and mobilar is evident, negatively impacting the quality of life for residents and visitors. Another major issue is the area's lack of accessibility. Rigid paths and elevated ground floor of the public buildings make it difficult to move around freely, especially for people with limited mobility. Despite having a senior home and a home for people with disabilities nearby, the area is not barrier-free, creating significant obstacles for those who need to move around. This lack of accessibility makes the area very hard to navigate.













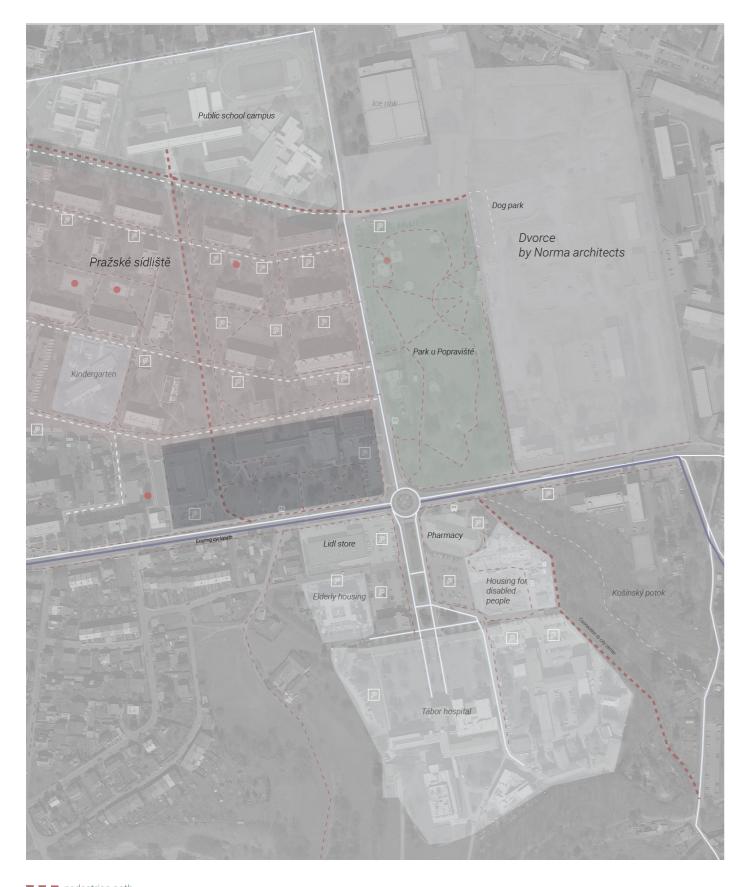






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BROADER CONNECTIONS



- - - pedestrian path ---- road **— — —** one - way road ---- cyclopath

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bus stopparking lot

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nice grown trees existing paths that have been changed according to people movement water fountain location

future development bringing new life in the area large unused space new "central" area connection to existing park new community making place integration of existing collonade

no specific use of area lack of mobiliare buildings with no function degraded green areas bad accessibility lack of atractivness

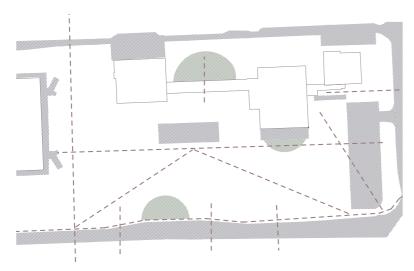
large concrete surfaces with no water retention bariers for people with disabilities

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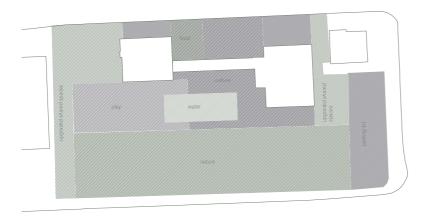
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CONCEPT

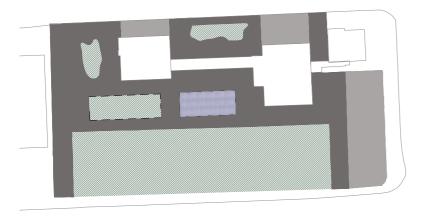
In my proposal, I work with the main idea that improving this area of public space can make the area more attractive and thus improve the condition of the Golden Candle shopping centre that surrounds it. I work with several conceptual levels, permeability, functional zoning and the character of the individual sub-areas.



I am dividing the area into several functional zones, a green belt separating the busy road from the rest of the area. A central area with the character of a square, with the possibility of expanding cultural activities from the cultural centre. At the entrance to the central part I place a play zone for children. The area is flanked by zones of upgraded public space.



Character-wise, I divide the area into two types, namely a more structured part with a more formal character and a wild part, which is to serve as a contrast not only to the outline of the area, but to the overall functionalist, highly ordered character of the rest of the Pražské sídliště housing estate.





MASTERPLAN



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1 water fountain accessible for children

2 square area

3 space for food court expansion

4 playground

5 upgraded shared area

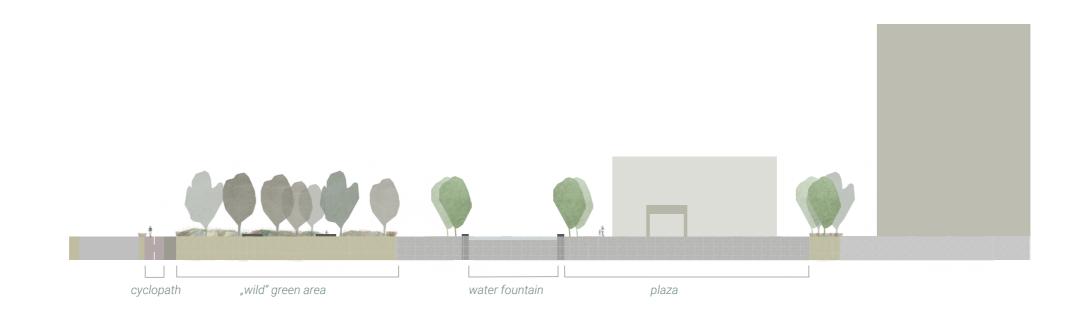
6 wild park

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SECTIONS

Section A - A'

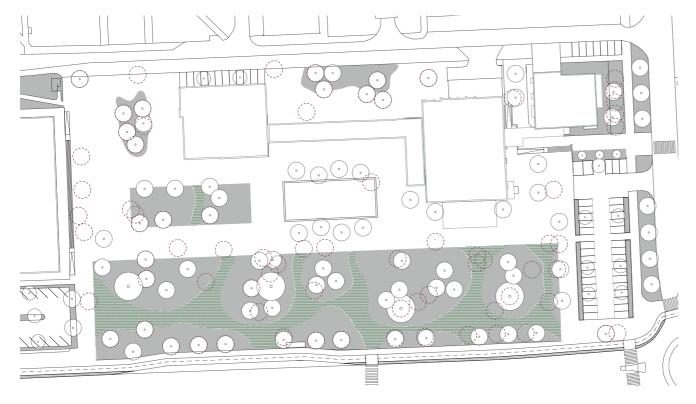






VEGETATION

In the design I am working with planting new trees, while cutting down trees that are in poor condition. The area currently contains spruce, pine, oak and beech trees. The aim is to preserve as many of the existing trees as possible. I manage the watering of the trees and greenery by capturing rainwater using the Stockholm solution. In the lower part of the area I am proposing a wild landscape to contrast the uninteresting mass housing estate greenery. It is a landscape composed of elements, with an attempt to support the biodiversity of the area. I am working with the following tree species: picea, quercus, fagus.



- existing treesnewly designed trees
- perserved trees

MATERIALS



mlat green areas



concrete pavement plaza



grassing pavement parking lot

MOBILIAR



chairs and tables



concrete benches



water fountain bench

WATER



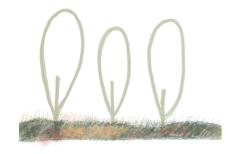
rain water collectors



water fountain



water through



"wild" tree groups

"formal" tree lines

single positioned trees

