

Park and sports facility "Thüringer Bahnhof"

Type of action: playgrounds / long term action



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Type of solutions: Physical Activity solution

Location of the Good Practice: Thüringer Str., 06112 Halle, Germany

Designer/s: Lohrer.hochrein Landschaftsarchitekten und Stadtplaner, Gmbh, Magdeburg.

Investor/s: City of Halle, Green Space Office

Cost of works: Part of the EU community initiative URBAN (1997-2001), funding approx. 5.4 million euros (including the following 3 initiatives: Conversion and development of the former coffee roastery "VENAG" to the communal craftsmen's yard; Redesign of the former freight yard "Thüringer Bahnhof" into a district park; Design of living environment "Johannesplatz")

Rational and overall scope of the intervention

After its closure in 1991, the former station area was designed as a public park, whereby the existing industrial traces were used to create new landscape architectural and sport spaces against the morbid backdrop of the still existing Wilhelminian malt factory and sugar refinery. The goal is to turn the space into a communal place for spending your free time in an active way, including the opportunity to participate in a new sport or hobby.

Target groups addressed and related needs: Citizens, children

Community engagement process / Participatory process

Similar initiatives in Germany are accompanied by a significant process of discussion with various stakeholders.

Description of the designing/co-designing process:

The elongated park is divided into two parts by Thüringer Straße. While the northern section, which begins with a small square with open railroad gates, is characterized by a subtle green design alongside the path, the southern section is characterized by more striking interventions, such as the 'rail gardens' on Thüringer Straße and the climbing rocks with a skate track in front (with also 2 beach-volleyball playgrounds nearby). For the smaller ones there are additional play equipments, like a rotating plate and a hexagon swing. Numerous seating possibilities, in the form of chairs and benches, are also given.

Impact on the place aesthetics

Before: an operational railway station. After: A green area with many opportunities for relaxation and sports.

Impact on the community wellbeing

An interesting example of the numerous changes and regenerations of former industrial or transport infrastructures in East Germany. It has a positive impact both on the urban environment in Halle and on society with new opportunities for relaxation, recreation and sports.

Coherence with sustainable development goals

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Potential of improving people's health: high.

Level of creativity: High

Attention to gender equality and inclusion: medium- high.

Aesthetic impact on the urban environment: Medium-high

Level of sustainability: High.



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Links to sources

<https://www.ak-lsa.de/objekt/parkanlage-thueringer-bahnhof/>

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