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Due to its mono-structured nature, history and monofunctional use, the Vorfeld currently resembles a suburban 'sleeping island'. Developments within the strategic site - ranging from a school and a new nursing home to further residential growth, the therefore growing number of users and its proximity to the town center create an opportunity for Vorfeld to grow from a 'Vorfeld' to a 'Core-feld'.

By introducing an 'Urban Regeneration Axis' that connects points of interest in the surroundings, existing hotspots on the site and new programs, a new 'Core' that extends beyond the borders of the project site is created. Within the project site, the Core is shaped by a new connection to the Glacis Park, a neighborhood square in front of the Vorfeldhaus, mixed-use buildings with dynamic ground-floor zones in the center and an urban park in the south.

A key feature of the Core will be the Production Station that seeks new forms for production spaces that are flexible, visible and mixed. The sunken yards and roofed areas enable different space combinations, flexible uses and the merging of uses and users.

To allow Vorfeld to evolve from a suburban to an urban district, it will need to gain new inhabitants and functions that are to be integrated into the existing community and urban fabric. By providing an urban framework that emerges from the existing context and introduces a set of typologies that each form a different ensemble with the existing buildings, different neighborhoods are created that can be developed in stages.

Future growth should be well anchored in the existing context. In order to achieve this, a development approach that involves different actors and is fragmented through space and time is neces-

The community strengthening events organized in the context of the ,Soziale Stadt' should be encouraged. The goal must be to expand the actor base for a dialogue process in order to achieve real integration, participation, and collaboration.

The vacant school buildings can offer a physical location for this open platform. On the long-term, the beating heart of Vorfeld can live on its new public spaces and buildings.

By combining these urban and process strategies, the mono-structural and monofunctional settlement evolves into a vibrant urban district with differentiated neighborhoods that are yet united through green areas, shared spaces, networked operator concepts, and energy management.

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Following the new crossroads in the Ringstrasse, a sequence of public spaces and mixed uses acts as reinforcement of a urban regenerating axis. By creating landmarks at the main entrances people are captivated and invited in.

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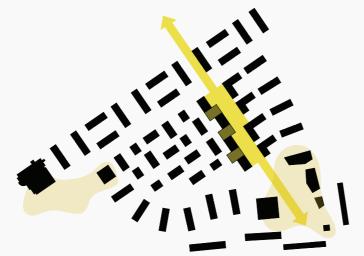
New productive and socio-cultural programs are introduced, located strategically on the site. The flexible mixed-use building typologies encourage new interactions and allow to adapt to functional changes over time.

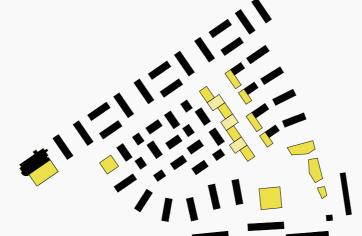
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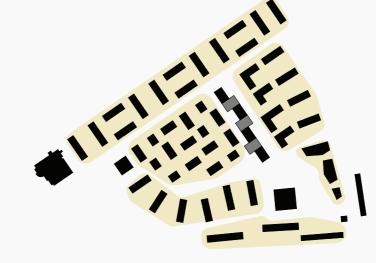
The new developments build upon the present infrastructure and form ensembles with the existing housing blocks. In the central area we suggest a permeable urban tissue allowing connections throughout the whole site.

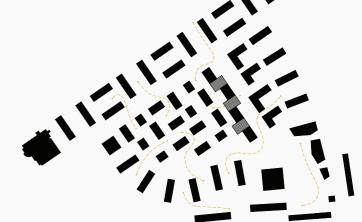
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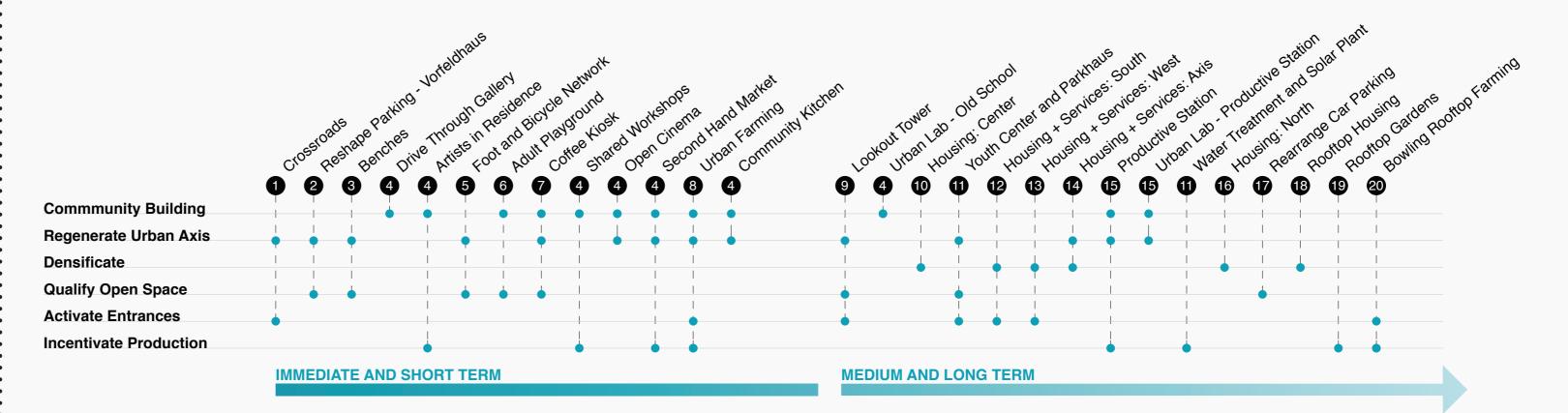
The neighborhoods are united through qualified open spaces, green areas and paths for pedestrians, bikes and public transports. The shared space concept slows down traffic and humanizes the scale of the public spaces.











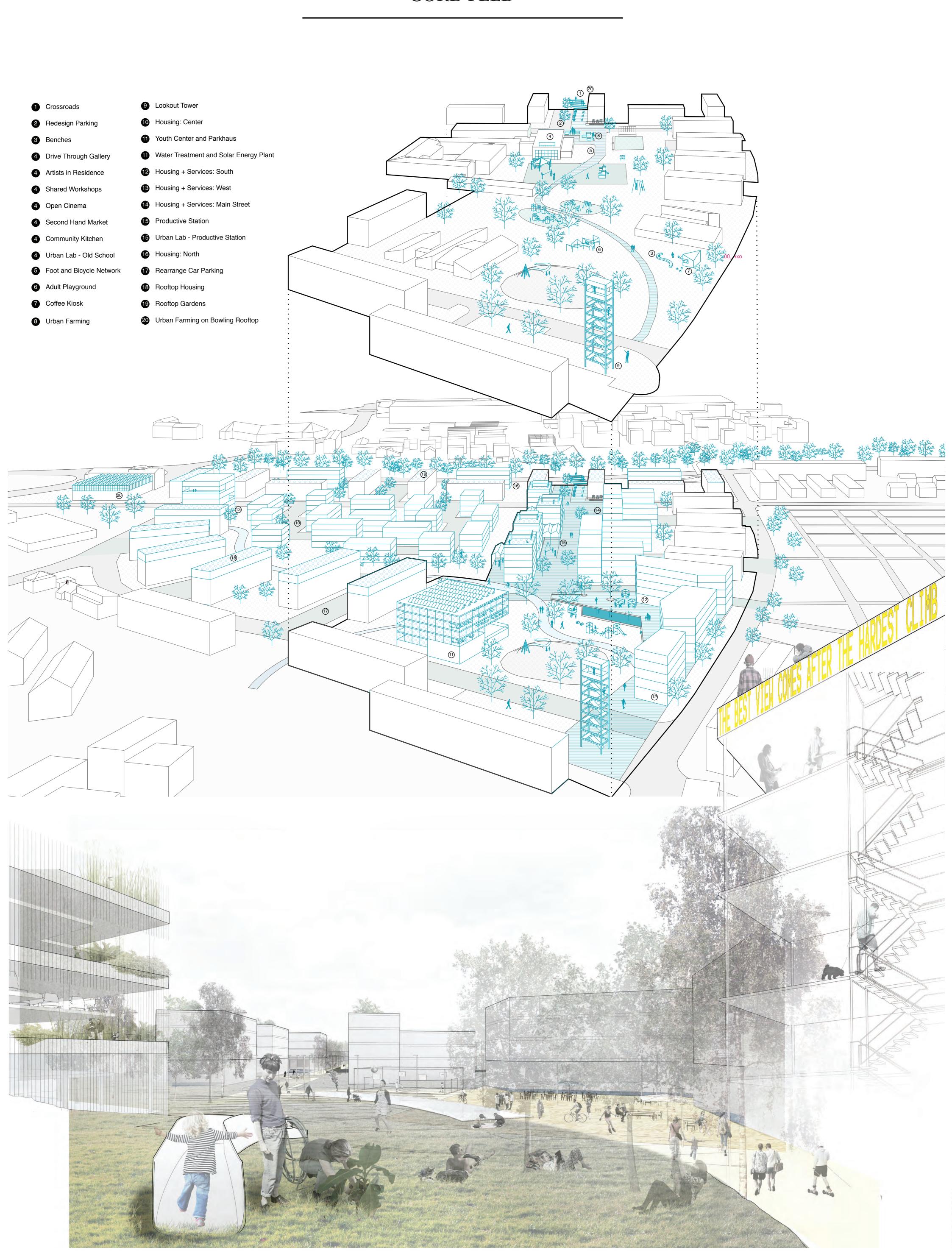
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