

City: Rostock

Location: „Old fishermen’s and leather tanners area”

Population: 200.000

Study Site: 17 ha

Site of project: 17 ha

TOPIC

The Hanseatic city of Rostock intends to stabilise and further develop the inner city as part of a holistic urban planning. Here, living in the area also plays a decisive role for new user groups as well as for the stabilisation of and/or increase in the number of inhabitants in the inner city.

The competition should come up with concepts for the subsequent use of a derelict but very historical former commercial and residential area at the edge of the old city and for its development to an urban inner-city, ecologically-oriented residential location. Below the old city, a new, small city district should come into being, which consciously differs in its appearance from the old city. Here, the focus should be placed on aiming at a reasonable concentration of the buildings in favour of a generous landscape along the lower Warnow river and along the city walls.

The special location of the area at the waterside should be emphasised and should come to life in the public space.

TERRITORIAL SCALE : CONURBATION

Rostock – founded in 1218 on the Baltic Sea – is a city with a centuries old Hanseatic tradition. It is the economic, services, trade fair and congress centre of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania and the cultural focal point of an entire region.

25 % of the 1.7 million inhabitants of the federal state live in its greater city catchment area. Rostock, with its international harbour, acts as a hub in the Baltic Sea region. The city also enjoys a position as a significant research and science location with its university – founded in 1419 and the oldest in Northern Europe. Tourist attractions are the extensively modernised historical old city on the lower Warnow with a lively city centre area, but also the small-scale and endearing Baltic Sea spa resort of Warnemünde which has grown directly on the Baltic Sea beach over centuries.

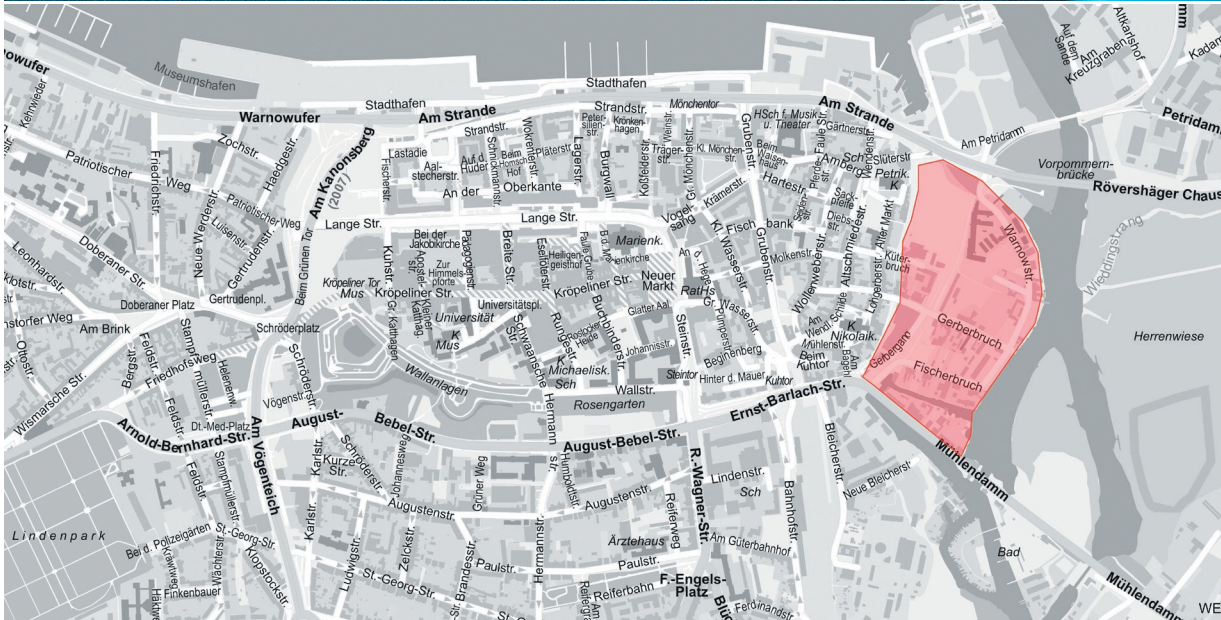


URBAN SCALE : STUDY SITE

The area under consideration, once the domicile of fishermen and tanners and which still has remains of the original buildings and a formerly networked, public moat system (breaks) is ideally situated. Between the historical old city with its complete infrastructure in the west and the banks of the lower Warnow, there is an open view onto a landscape in the east, partially without buildings. The necessary flood protection against coastal flooding, difficult foundation conditions and a bordering road with heavy traffic in the north also require creative approaches for the development of the area into an attractive residential district, as do aspects such as a sustainable and ecological orientation of the planning area.

Programmatic intentions

- Development of a realistic urban and architectural overall concept and flexible utilisation concepts.
- Use of the favourable location on the water and the possible qualities of an open moat system.
- Reasonable concentration of the buildings in favour of a generous landscape on the river and along the city walls.



PROXIMITY SCALE : SITE OF PROJECT

The aims of the design for the area are inner city living among green areas and on the water, ecologically oriented methods of construction, barrier-free living for the most different of users in differing building forms (family home, apartment block) and the opening of the quarter towards the water as well as a connection to the old city.

Programmatic intentions

- Development of forms of living in an ecological method of construction with energy-saving and alternative urban and building services.
- Consideration of flood protection



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