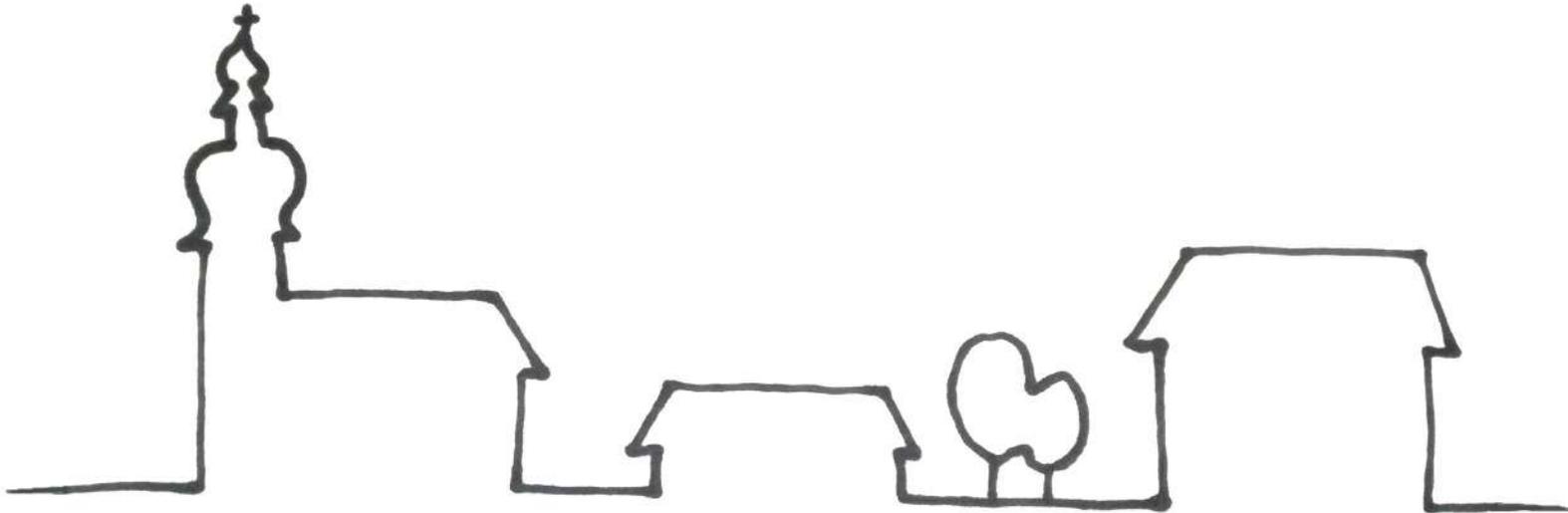
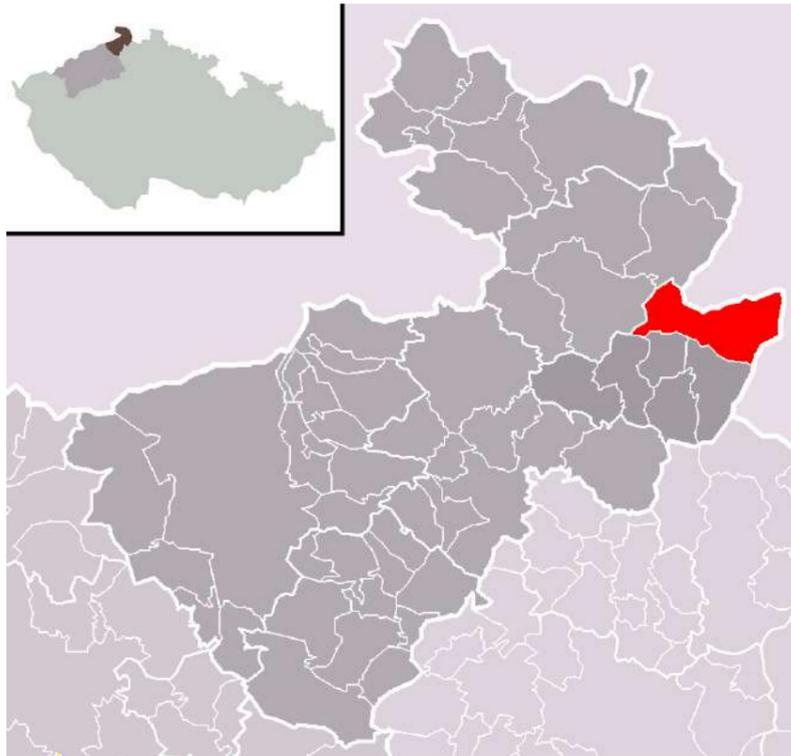


Shaping Varnsdorf - revitalisation of Varnsdorf square

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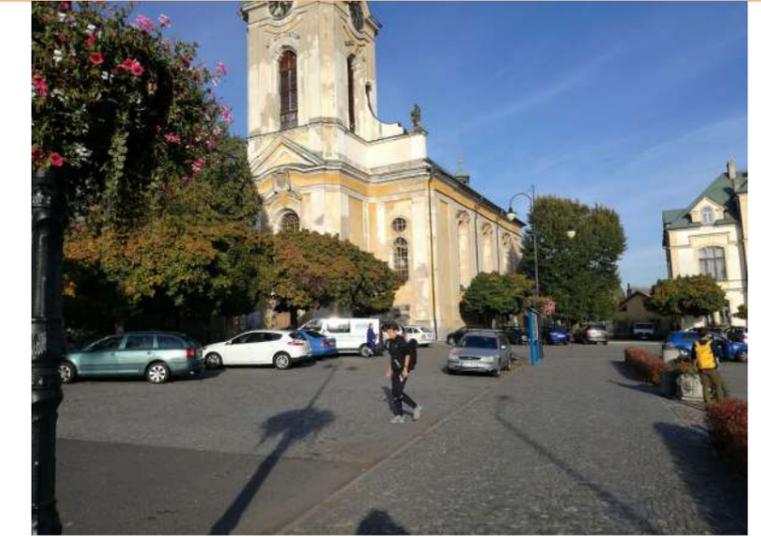
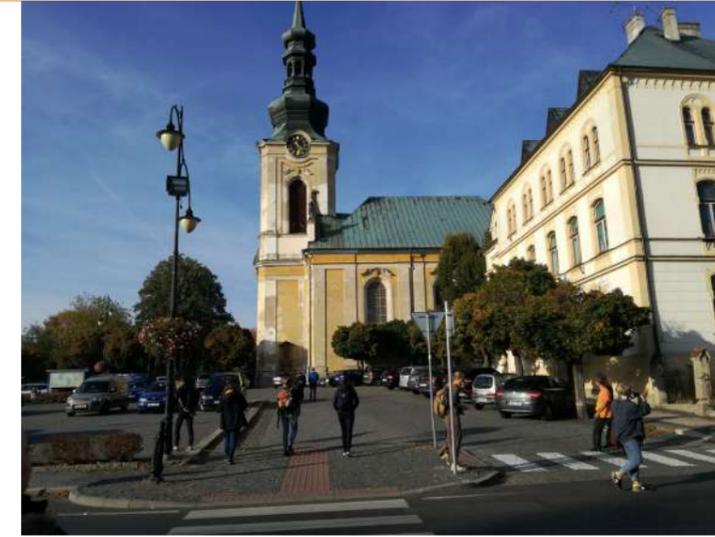
SITE ANALYSIS



Varnsdorf is located in the north of the Czech Republic, right at the border with Germany. In the past most of local citizens were Germans and before war the town was much more rich and populated.

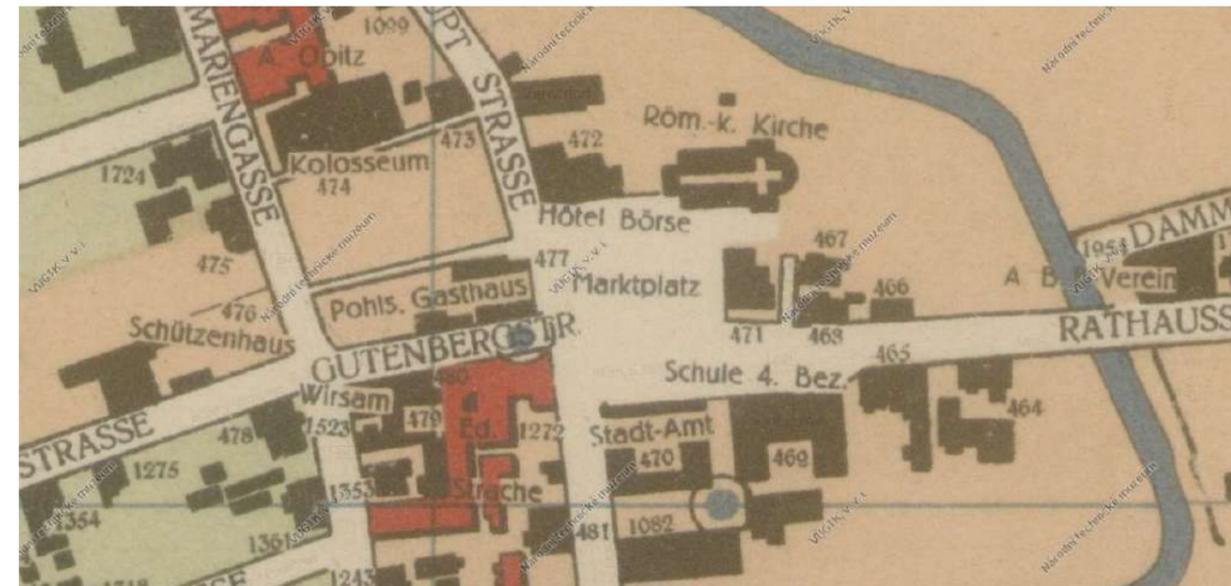
Varnsdorf now is a town with many problems but also some hidden beauty. There are some great historical buildings that can raise the value of the whole town if they are taken care of properly.

Our site is right in the center of Varnsdorf. It's supposed to be the main public square but unfortunately currently serves as a parking lot. In my project I try to make it a functional square again. Wake up again the heart of the city and make it full of people how it used to be in the past.





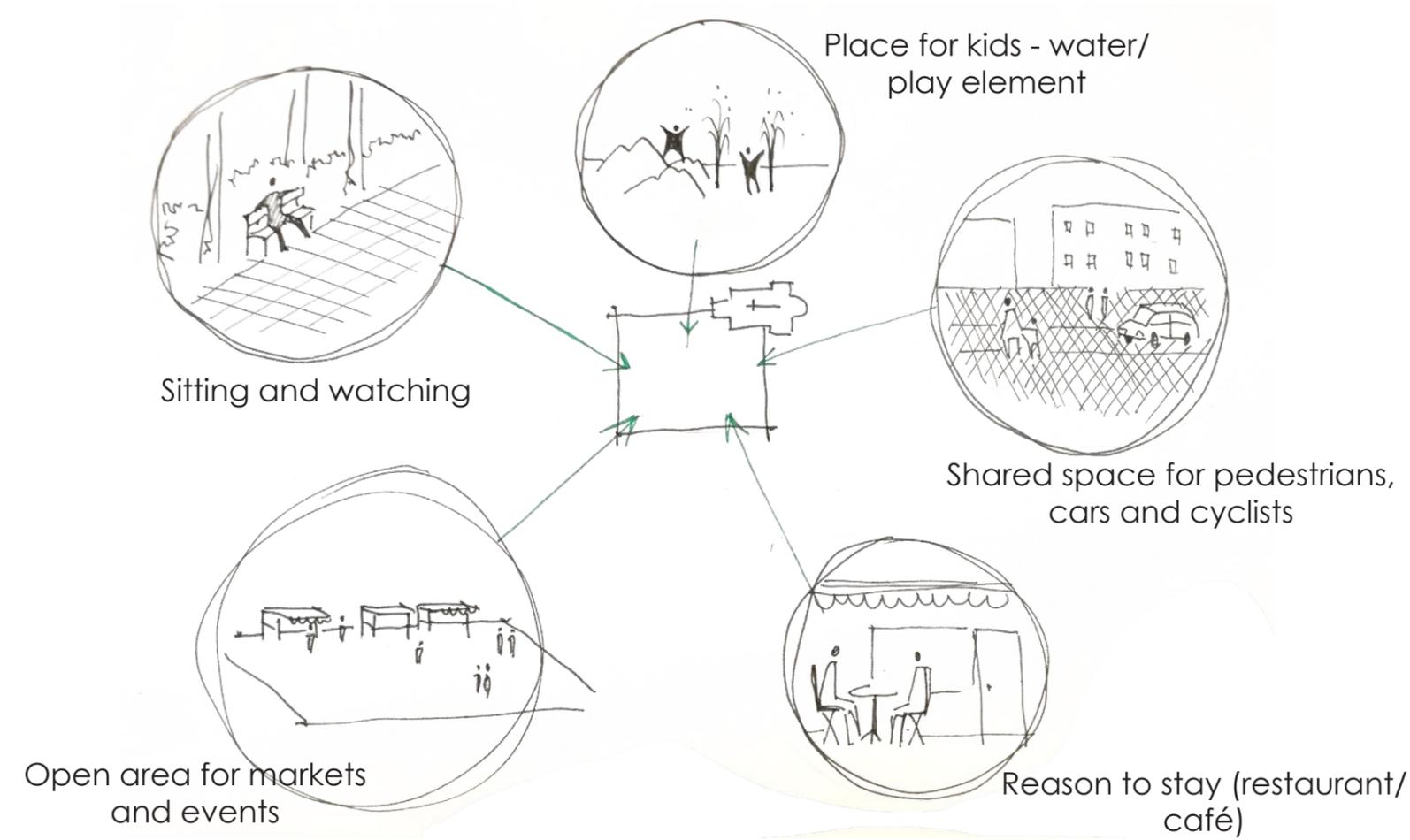
The site and the most important buildings around



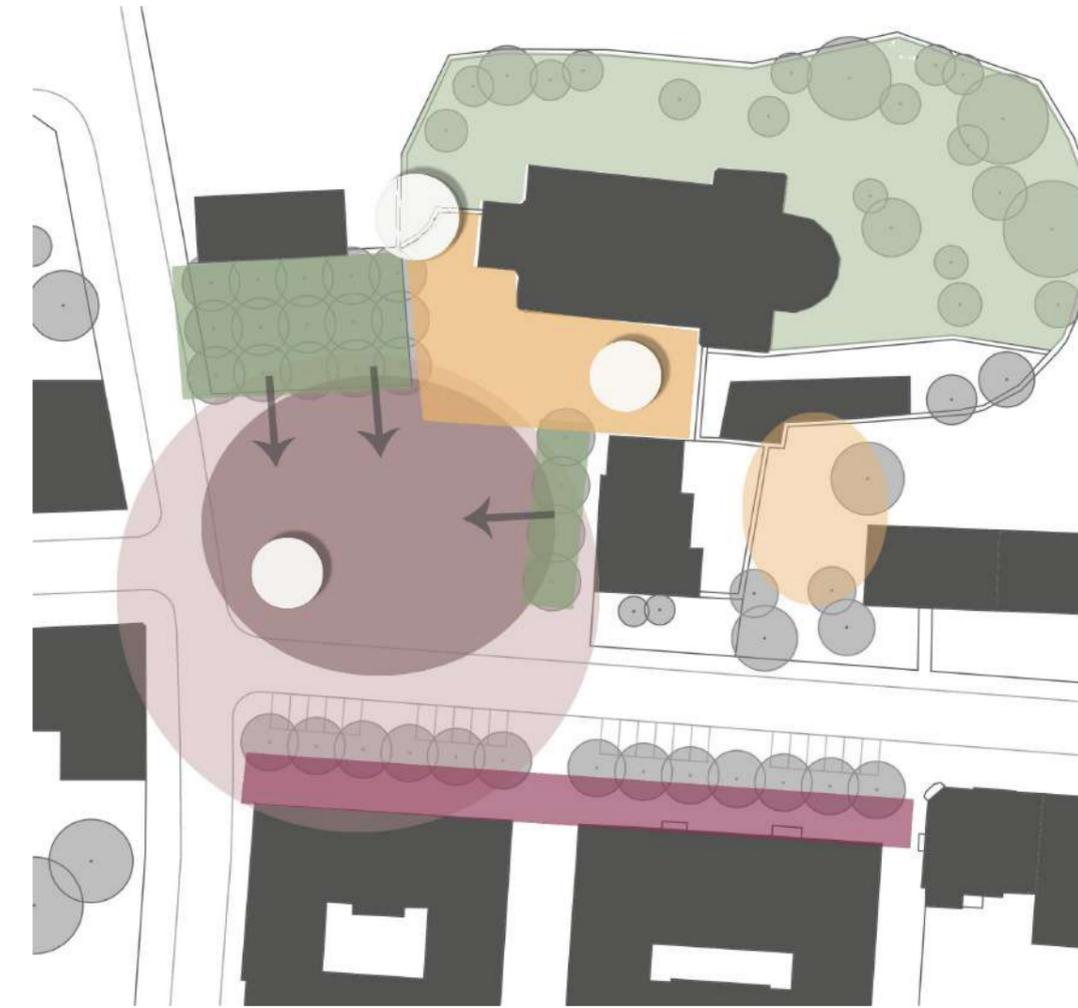
In the past the square was an actual living heart of the town, from old photos we can see that it was always busy. There were also some building that are missing today, most importantly Hotel Borse next to the church.

PROGRAM AND CONCEPT

New functions



Zones



I started my design by dividing the square into some basic zones with specific character and atmosphere.

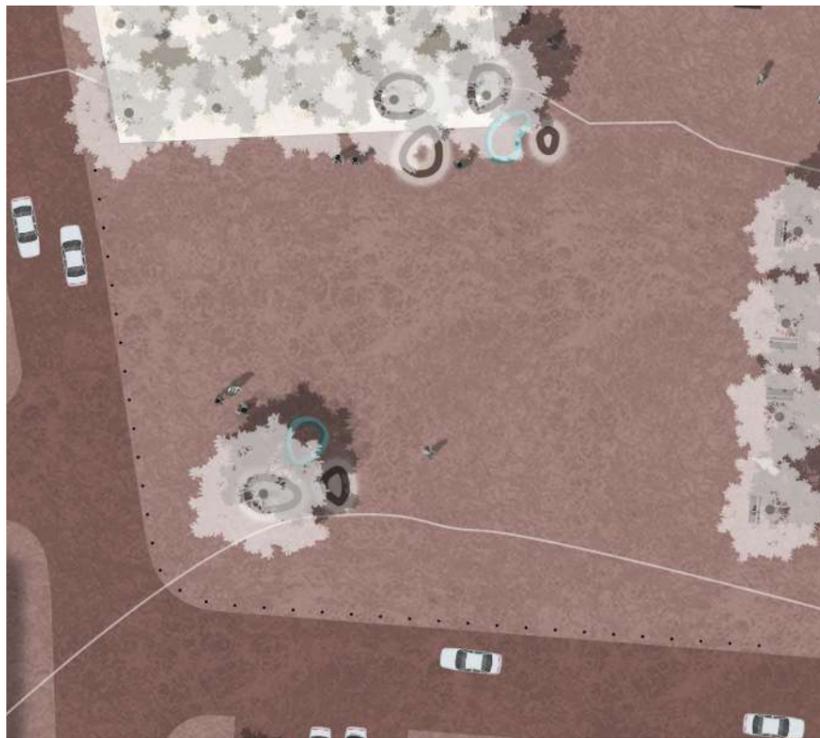
The frame of the square is completed by adding two more buildings. The main area is closed by masses of trees from two sides and marked with a single tree from the other side.

The bosque and the tree lines offer a perfect spot for hiding in the shade and observing what's happening in the open area. Trees also kind of enclose the area around church and make it feel more intimate and spiritual.

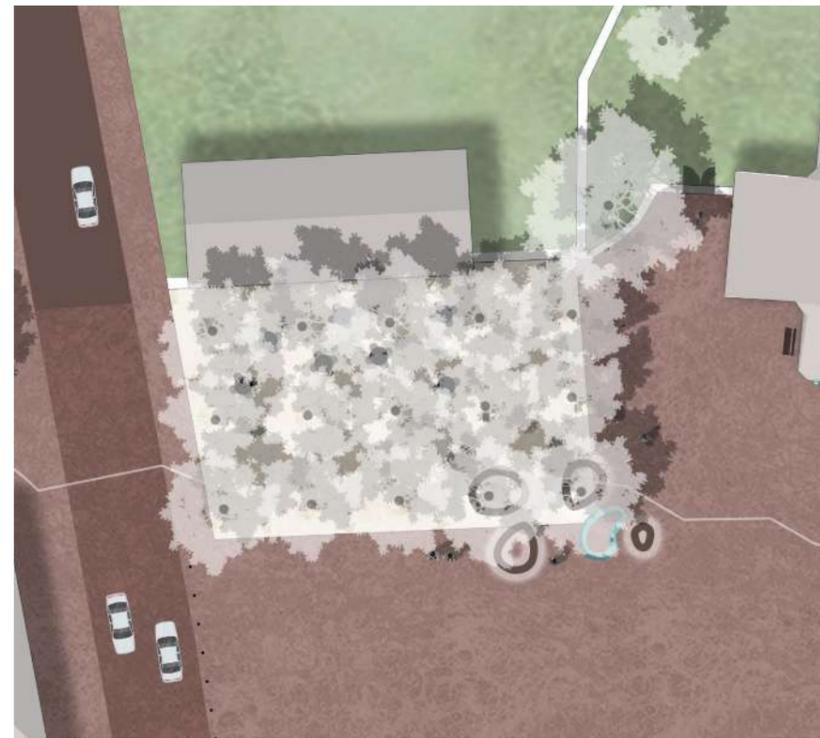
THE FINAL DESIGN



Central area



The main open area can be used for many functions, such as markets, cultural events, art installations or public gatherings.



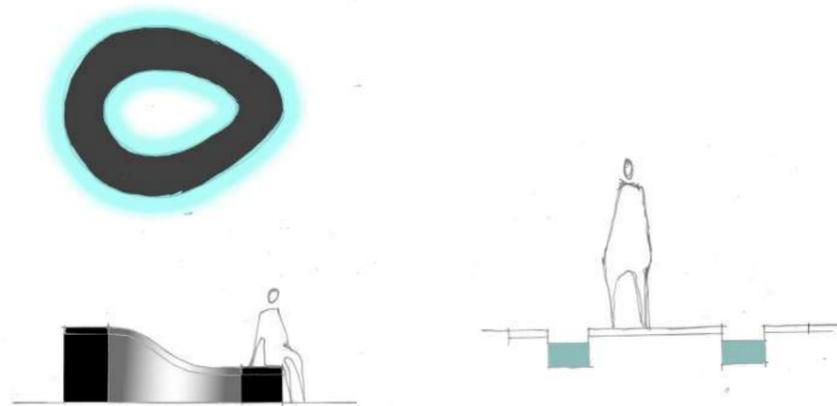
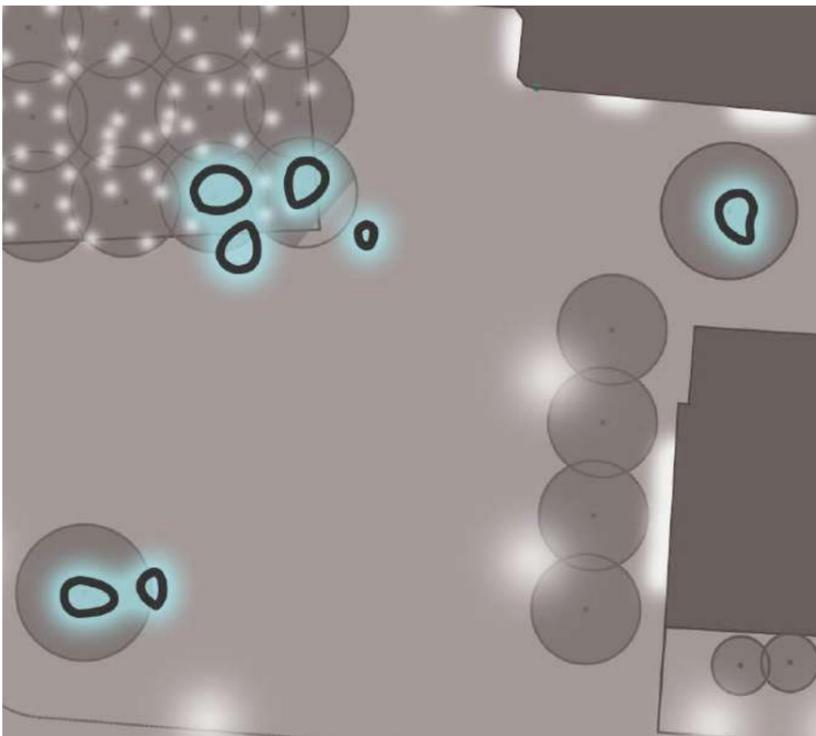
Bosque in front of the café

There is a bosque of trees (*Celtis occidentalis*) in front of a new cozy building with café. It offers a more hidden atmosphere compared to the central area and glowy lights in the trees together with enough places to sit make it a great place to relax or meet friends.



Sitting elements

The organic forms of the sitting elements contrast the clear and geometric shapes of the whole design. Some of them are reversed and filled with water and they all glow in the dark.



Meeting garden

Juicy fruit on the trees, high grass with colourful flowers, majestic walls of the church and long wooden tables for sitting. The meeting garden offers a very familiar and comfortable place to meet friends or neighbors.



Recycled playground

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