For 80 years the Integra grounds in Wallisellen were used for industrial production. In its post-industrial use as a place to live, work, and live. Our design concept ties in with the history of the place and integrates some contemporary witnesses. The central tree courtyard is envisaged as a macadamized inner courtyard. Inlaid areas edged with rails pay homage to the industrial use of the grounds. A layer of herbs that will spread within the space allotted to it territory shows clearly the process nature of a vegetation laboratory. Our tree plantings of birches and robinias are meant to suggest the natural successional process of a field of industry. Single chestnut, gingko, and redwood trees pick out as a central theme the relic-like nature of industrial re-use. The vegetation will change over time. The idea is to make visible a dynamic process in which a grove comes into being in the shadow of the existing forest, which as a climax plant community has occupied the highest successional level for years.

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