

Eco-Art Pollinators

The series of landscape and art interventions proposed for the site aims to create change within our understanding and perception of space regarding ecological issues. The strategies ask the individual to reflect on their position as an agent for behavioural change to honour the land and its flora/fauna species. Through an artful approach, our proposal makes prioritizes habitats and pollinating corridors, which bring varied and biodiverse life back to the site. Formal strategies are set in place to give visibility to environmental characteristics, becoming poetry of the intricacy of habitat preservation and presence in our rapidly densifying and growing urban contexts. Towers become a symbolic part of the landscape and the memory of the landscape. Nodding to the existing observational towers on site, the material relationship to the ground of the habitats, and their scaled modularity, brings new meaning to the idea of the tower. Together the habitats and towers propose a powerful statement on the future of Mannheim and its public perception.

Our landscape interventions address the rapid decay of the pollinator ecosystem. By making hyper habitats, the plant systems act as a productive node for pollinators in a growing network, recreating an ever-expanding pollinator network that connects beyond the currently isolated ecosystems. This pollination strategy supports the life of pollinating insects which supports the diversity of our environment, soils, food systems, and people. The insertion of pollinator environments is a step toward addressing climate change and rebuilding the interconnected systems that produce natural resources.

Pollinator pathway strips follow the existing axial relationships on site. Each habitat contains rich biodiversity, which brings a large concentration of pollinators to the area through the diverse selection of plants, fungi, and invertebrates. The insertion of plants to facilitate habitats further protects nearby / adjacent croplands from pests. The strips serve as walking, cycling, and running pathways for people to filter through for physical activity, to rest/observe, and as a passageway to surrounding contexts.

