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KRONSBERG | Hannover, Germany



Size: 395 acres. 6,000 units

Dates: Planning 1990-1994, first phase 1996-2000, ongoing

Team: City Council, 30 different developers

Description: Kronsberg is a new residential eco-district on a former greenfield site

Intent: Accommodate 15,000 residents and commercial areas in an ecological way

Sit+Place

GOALS: (Food) Not defined ; (Habitat+Biodiversity) Not defined ; (Transport) Public transportation oriented community

STRATEGIES: (Food) Market, proximity to services, composted food waste for gardens ; (Habitat+Biodiversity) Green-roofs, courtyard gardens, central park, constructed wetlands, every building has access to open spaces ; (Transport) High density development with access to tram line connecting neighborhoods to greater community, walkable neighborhoods, bicycle infrastructure, traffic minimization strategies, 0.8 parking space ratio per apartment

Water

GOALS: Water retention and infiltration into the ground

STRATEGIES: Water-saving fixtures, storm water retention and collection, 42-50% infiltration of rainwater, green-roofs, landscaped drainage and retention ponds

Energy

GOALS: Reduced CO2 emissions by 60%. Average: Heating demand: 56 kWh/m²

STRATEGIES: Low-energy construction to meet LEH standard, designed to meet energy efficiency targets, energy saving appliances, district solar heating, 32 passive houses, 3.6 MW wind turbines, 2 decentralized combined heat and power plants

Equity

Percentage of affordable units: 50% GOALS: Ensure a mix of income levels can live in the development

STRATEGIES: Non-toxic certified materials, high density development, pedestrian friendly, community centers including schools, day care centers, health center, commercial area, art center, shopping, religious centers



GOALS: (Materials) Not defined ; (Waste) 80% of construction waste not landfilled

STRATEGIES: (Materials) Low energy construction methods, non-toxic certified materials used ; (Waste) Waste management innovations, home composting, organized waste facilities, 80% pre-sorting of waste and recyclables from construction



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Kronsberg | Hannover, Germany SUSTAINABILITY MATRIX

		STANDARD	GOOD	BETTER	LIVING COMMUNITY	REGENERATIVE
Site+Place	Limits to growth		Developed for density/limits growth, contains open space]		
	Urban Ag		Some community garden space]		
	Habitat Exchange			Constructed wetlands, land set aside, native plantings, 25% + of developable space is undeveloped		
	Human Powered Living			Walkable streets, bicy- cle infrastructure, public transit links, car sharing, EV charging stations, easy access to services		
Water	Net Positive Water		Some stormwater reuse or infiltration, grey water recy- cling, conservation goals]		
Energy	Net Positive Energy		2030 standards goal of efficiency, some reduction goals for energy & carbon, some renewable energy, solar PV ready			
Г	Civilized Environment		Community has some groups to promote social connections]		
Health+ Happiness	Healthy Neighborhood Design			Access to walking and bike trails connecting amenities, parks, recreation areas		
	Biophilic Environment			Innovative landscaping us- ing native plants, rain gar- dens, constructed wetlands, access to parks, waterfront, community gardening		
	Resilient Community Connections			Emergency planning, access to facilities in case of emergency		
Materials	Living Material Plan			Rigorous material selection standards, material plan made available to public		
	Embodied Carbon Footprint			Material selection require- ments, proxy standards for reducing CO2 in material selection and construction on-going energy monitoring		
	Net Positive Waste			Reduction in construction waste, material selection for recycled/recyclable materials, innovative waste collection facilities, waste to energy		
	Human Scale and Humane Places			Project is designed to create human-scaled places, pro- motes culture & interaction		
Equity	Universal Access to Nature and Place			Access to parks, innovative landscaping, promotes sense of place, community agriculture, daylighting for buildings		
	Universal Access to Community Services			Diversity of services avail- able in community easily ac- cessible by different modes of transportation,		
	Equitable Investment	No contibution to cha	arity			
	Beauty and Spirit					
Beauty	Inspiration and Education		Some education on the de- velopments attributes, some opportunities for community events]		

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