

Market Square and River Garden

BAD SALZDETFRUTH

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*Do you want to meet today?
I'm sitting in the garden, right
by the market square. Where the
illuminated, half-timbered houses
stand and where they have those
nice cafés now. Exactly, by the
river bank. There's a garden now
that's made up of the river. Ever
seen anything like that? No? So
come to the Lamme garden in
Bad Salzdetfurth! You may have
heard of it as a spa town.*

*You can come in any shoes,
because the natural stone
pavement in the market square
isn't only beautiful but also foot-
friendly, like a carpet. And it'll lead
you right down to the river. It's
true, there used to be nothing but
road here, and now I'm sitting in
the café with a view of the garden
made of glistening water.
Come and join me! See you soon!*

A showcase for nature and the history of the town! The old town centre of Bad Salzdetfurth, dominated by timber-framed houses, underwent two fundamental alterations which reconnect it with nature and transform it into a memorable place that creates a sense of local identity.

The reshaped market square due to its calm uniformity takes a back seat to the historic half-timbered buildings, the actual stars of the show. The redesign results in a spacious, level square which is uniformly paved and has no additional, disturbing installations. The concept of a multifunctional 'shared space' is supported by few, deliberately placed design elements. The benches on the sides provide a frame for this space, allowing for various viewing angles. The type of street furniture called the Salzdetfurth Timber-Frame Bench was modelled on the typical local building style, alluding to the town history with the aim of keeping it alive.

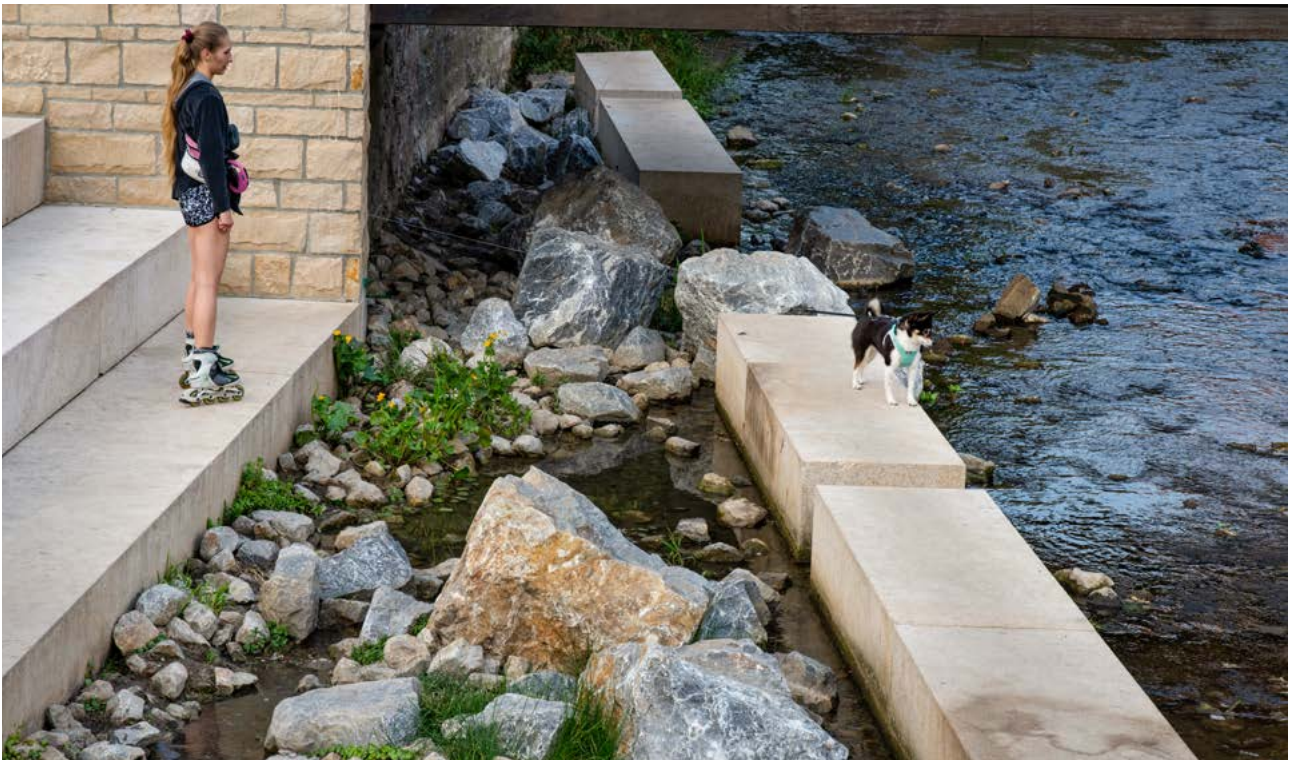
The river Lamme is easily accessible again at the spot where a bathing house once stood, but where the connection between town and river had been blocked by a wall in the more recent past. A stairway of pleasing dimensions leads down to the water. Here too, the pre-existing situation – natural space and water garden – is showcased, with the stairs acting as the auditorium. At the end of the stairs by the water is the Lamme Garden, a small wetland biotope that stretches below the pedestrian bridge as a connecting element and also directs the focus to the river.

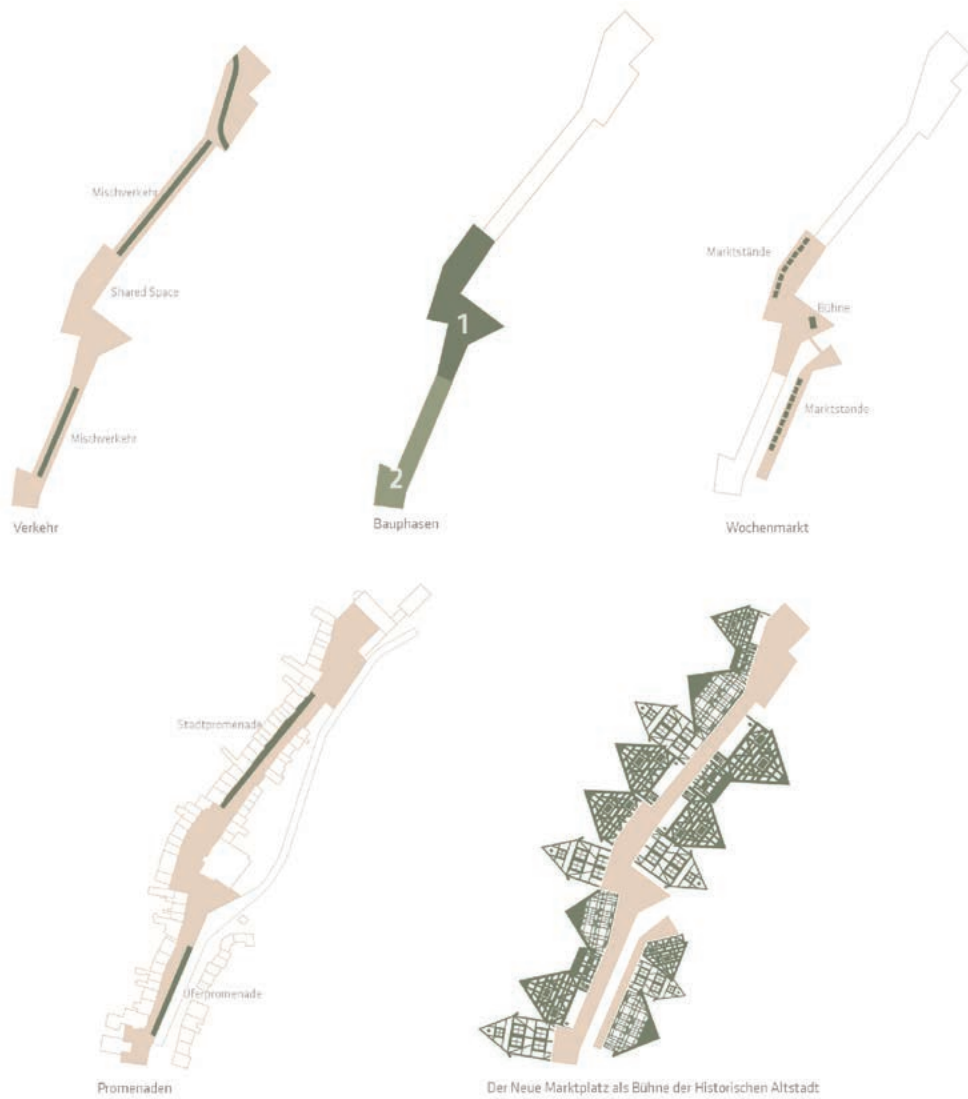
















Project data

Project Market Square and River Garden

Location Bad Salzdetfurth, Lower Saxony, GER

Client City of Bad Salzdetfurth

Planning period 2017-2019

Construction period 2020-2021

Completion 2021

Services Planning and construction management (Phase 1-8)

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Competition 1. Prize, 2017

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