

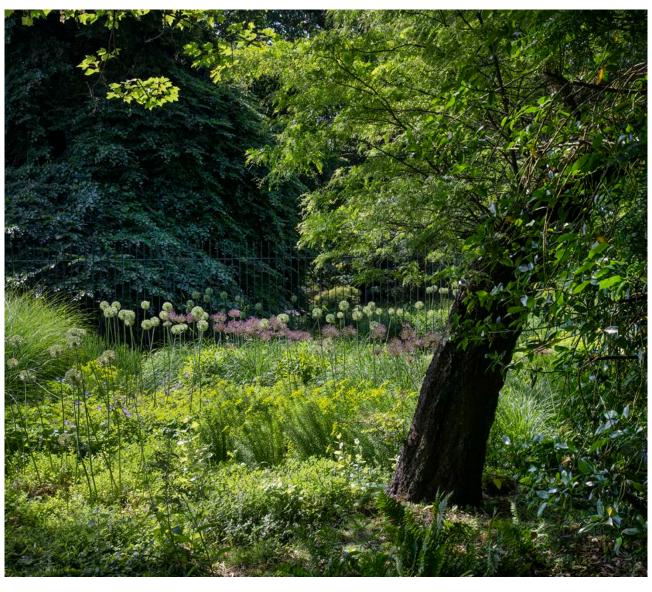
I'm at the mercy of my watch, the train is late! I must hurry now! Across the steep pedestrian bridge and through the park, into the city. Wait a second, what happened here? Where's the bridge? Why does the park start right behind the railway station? Did I get off in the wrong place? No, the old trees and swamp cypresses on the ramparts are still there! I'm in the right place, but now those tall trees are standing right in front of the station. All of it is new and still familiar. Or was it always like this? Is my memory playing tricks on me? I must hurry, I'm thinking, but the lovely calm of the park engulfs me. Blossoms everywhere! It's spring. I'm sitting down on the long bench in front of the station. I think I'll take my lunch break now, right after breakfast.

In the context of the revitalisation of the Congress Center Hamburg (CCH), the adjacent park area was expanded and partly redesigned. Marseiller Street between the subdivisions "Planten und Blomen" and "Alter Botanischer Garten" was dismantled and added to the park. Where a dark concrete trough used to be is now a sequence of bright, inviting squares and green areas with a pedestrian and a bicycle path. The redesign of the adjoining Dag-Hammarskjöld-Platz near the Dammtor railway station involved the removal of a 6-metre-high supporting wall to allow an unobstructed view of the Alter Botanical Garden, thus making the square the new "antechamber" of the park.

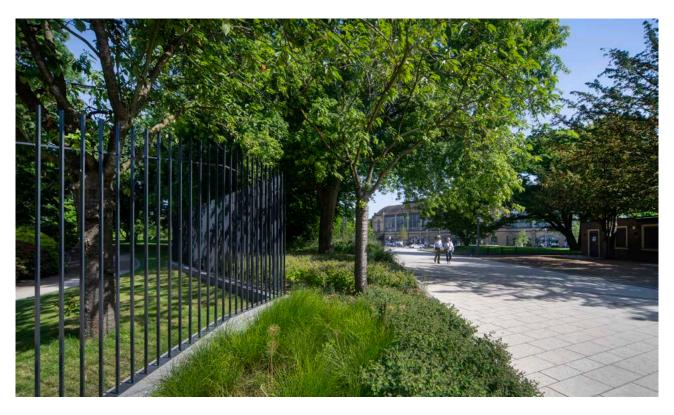
The newly created zone establishes a connection between the railway station and the congress centre, while fitting in naturally and unpretentiously with the historic park. It creates various possible lines of sight and joins the existing elements together, creating a splendid ensemble.

Excerpt from the jury report (09/12/2015):

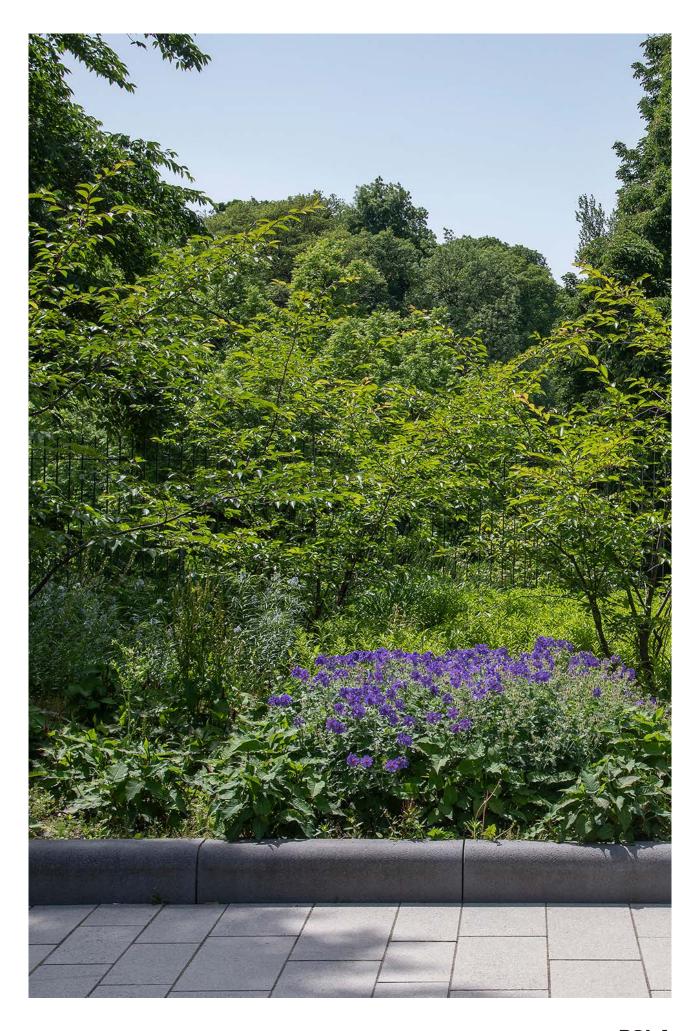
This design treats the creative diversity of the two listed park sections with very prudent, modest humility. In terms of urban planning, this conceptual approach is highly convincing due to its simplicity and clarity. The design manages to connect the parks and the adjoining squares with a few simple gestures.

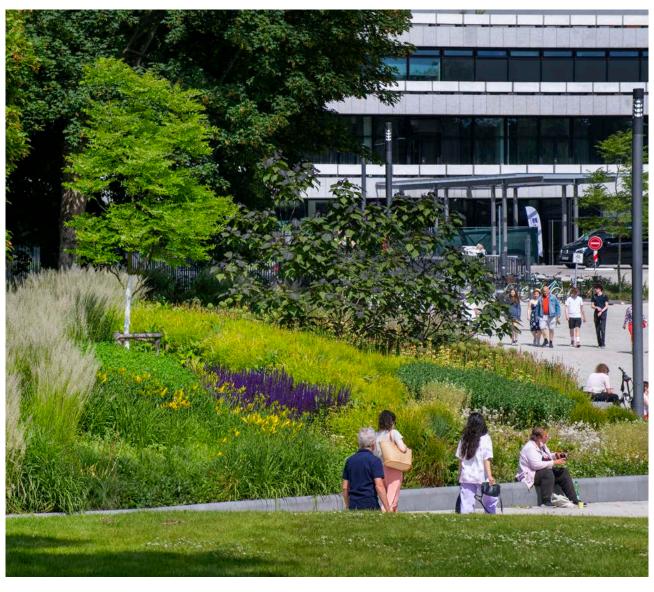




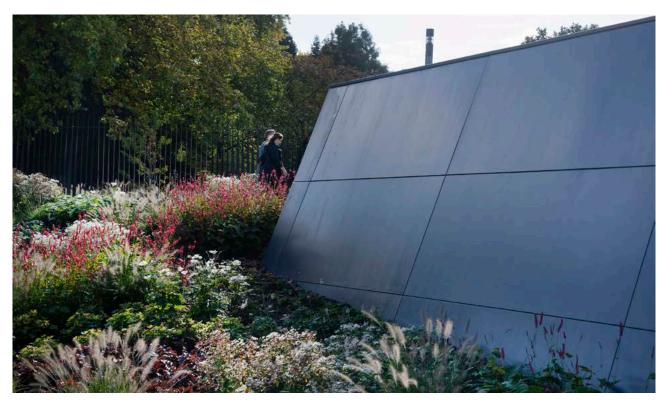










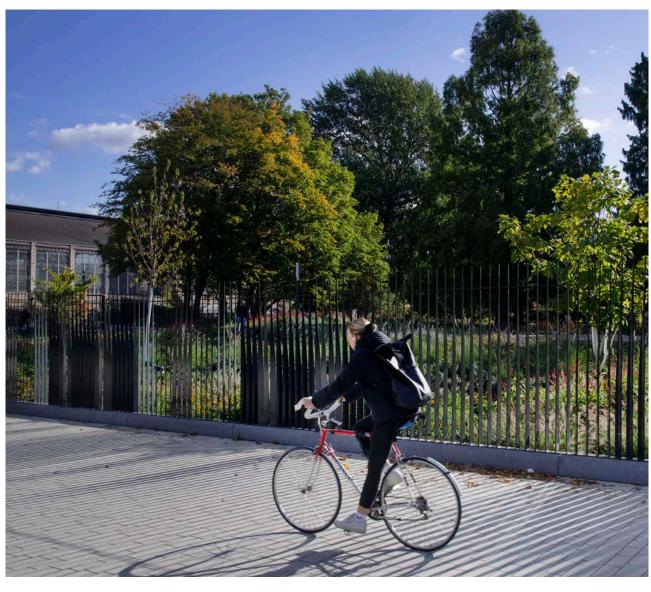


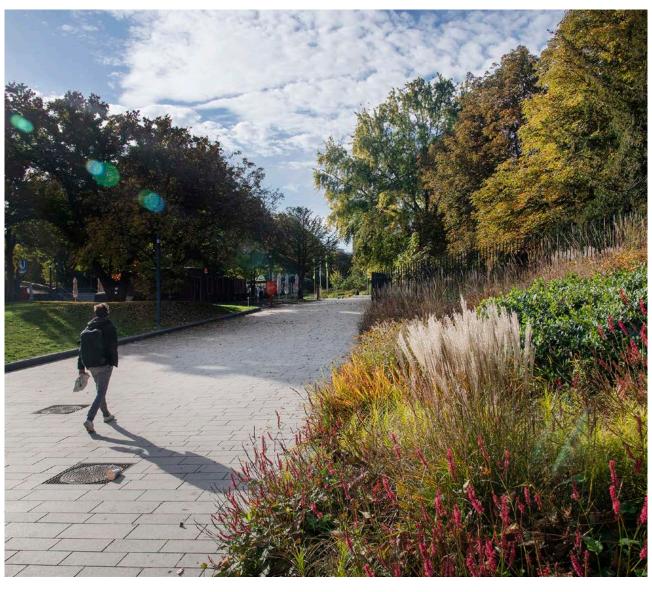
















Project data

Project Extension Planten un Blomen | Redesign Dag-Hammarskjöld-Platz

Location Hamburg, GER

Client Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

BUKEA - Ministry for the Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture Hamburg-Mitte District Office

Planning period 2015-2021

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Completion 2023

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