



The Former Nuernberg Military Community

Almost exactly ten years have passed since the German Minister of Finance, Hans Eichel, has signed on site the treaty for the transformation of the former airfield Atzenhof (Monteith Barracks). After the last part of the Flugplatzstraße, from the BRK-(Red Cross) Disaster Prevention Center to Hafenstraße, has been completed, the development of the 307 acres former barracks site is now finished.

The city has laid sewer pipes and supply lines, has built 7.7 acres of roads, 3.8 acres of cycle tracks and footpaths, 1.3 acres of park and 0.8 acres of planting areas. A total of about 13 million EUR has been installed, financed by the Federal Property Agency (Bundesvermögensanstalt) through the sales revenue.

"Now it's a perfect infrastructure", concluded Lord Mayor Thomas Jung during a site visit. Therefore he is very optimistic about the ongoing marketing. "The Golf Park is undoubtedly the jewel among the commercial areas in Fuerth", said the town hall boss. From the beginning it was designed with 60 percent of green areas. When contracting only businesses and service providers in the media, sports, leisure or research branches have been taken into consideration to create high quality jobs. "Our motto was sustainability prior to arbitrariness - that's what we want to continue to persevere."

According to the Lord Mayer currently 63 percent of the intended commercial areas are occupied. The center is the Development Center for X-ray Technique (EZRT) of the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits (IIS) which was opened in summer 2013, where approximately 170 scientists are working. Mr. Jung expects that in about five years the colonization will be completed. He estimates that then about 800 to 1,000 people will work there.

The development of the Golf Park is one of the last measures in the course of the conversion of former military sites." When the US Army announced first in 1995 and then in 1996 to leave Fürth, the city was facing a centuries task", remembered Stadtbaurat Joachim Krauße. "20 years later we can now report realization here".

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