



The residential area Lenzsiedlung covers 7.5 ha and has 3,000 tenants with the highest population density in Hamburg. 40% of the tenants are children and teenagers which is extraordinarily high. Around 40% of the tenants have a migration background. Most of the housing stocks are owned by the public housing company SAGA.

The limited number of public areas is not sufficient for the large number of children and teenagers living in the area. With the aim of creating free space for children and teenagers in the Lenzsiedlung and the bordering housing area, the project “movement spaces Lenzsiedlung” was established in cooperation with the program social city development and the project “Spielraum Stadt”.



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The project was assisted by a working group consisting of representatives from the sport club, the association “Lenzsiedlung e.V. for kids”, teenagers and the community, the public housing company SAGA, the public administration and the program social city development in collaboration with the tenants. In conjunction with the project “Spielraum Stadt” a participation project was established between 2000 and 2001.

Together with the tenants and the social district manager, ideas for the new public area creation were compiled. Paintings, models and collages were created, and the ideas became part of the planning process. The result was strong identification with the new public area among the tenants and decries of vandalism.



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In the year 2000, a beach volleyball complex with three fields was completed. Through this project of new playgrounds for different age groups and the construction of pavements and bikeways was promoted. The maintenance is undertaken by the city of Hamburg.

In 2004 the project won the prize “social city 2004”. The jury showed this because of the inclusion of different groups in the project and its creativity of process.