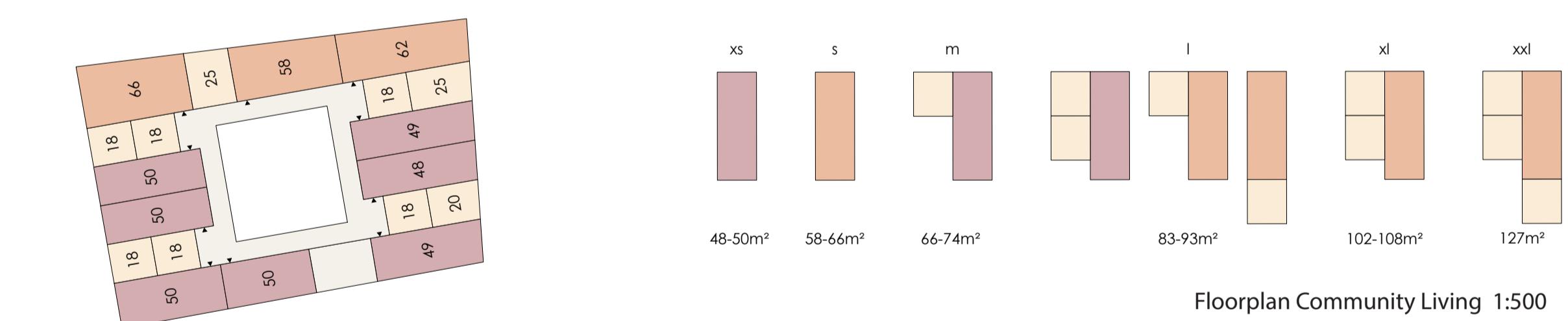
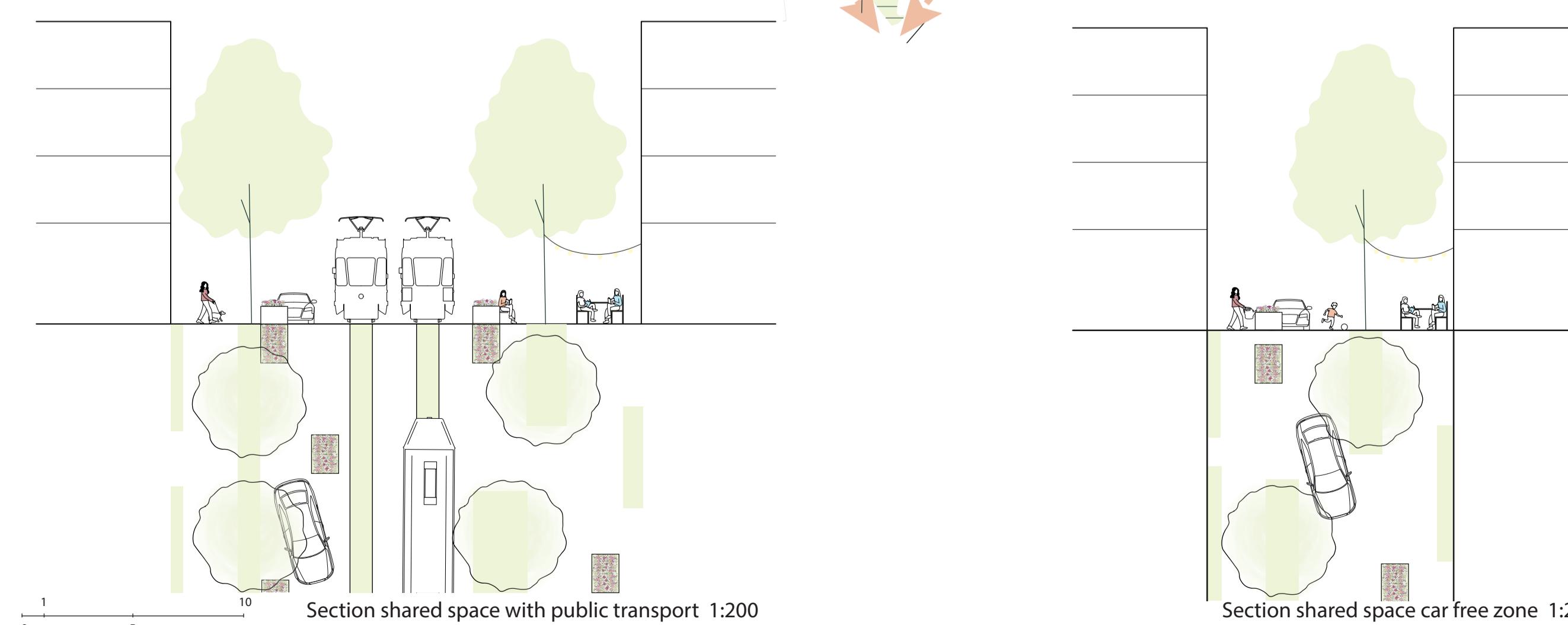


The Green Heart of Kraków - Enhancing Quality of Life for People and Nature

The old town of Krakow is characterized by a very high density and a high level of touristification. The old town was not destroyed during the war, which is why its dense structure and many sights have been preserved, and why the old town is also subject to strict monument protection regulations.

The aim of this project is to improve the quality of life in the old town in order to give residents and nature back their place in the old town. Increasing the amount of green space in the old town will improve the quality of life by creating more high-quality recreational areas and reducing heat. In suitable locations in the old town, a climate forest and urban gardening are to be created on unused spaces. Mobile greenery will be established in places with sporadic functions such as the market and cultural events. The existing green belt around the old town will be ecologically and socially enhanced by establishing various functions. In areas where social and cultural functions are adjacent, the park will



be used for these purposes, such as an outdoor gallery next to the art museum. The remaining area of the park is to be converted into a biotope to provide space not only for people but also for nature. Another major measure to improve the quality of life is to make the old town a car-free zone, with the exception of emergency transport, deliveries, and public transport on certain streets. To ensure good accessibility to the old town, another public transport route will be laid vertically through the zone and a mobility hub will be created above the train station, which will be connected to the old town by the new lines.

Improving the quality of life alone is not enough to attract more residents instead of tourists. This also requires suitable alternative forms of housing at lower prices. Therefore, the first step is to establish a community living space with cluster housing as social housing that can respond flexibly to housing needs. The floor plan is designed to promote community spirit with its pergola and shared courtyard. The new building is located in the north of the area, near the theater. A community and culturally oriented area is to be created there. For this reason, the building of the former historical museum, which has been vacant until now, is to be converted into a community center. This will create a social courtyard with community-building uses, such as urban gardening. To complement the theater in this area, an open-air stage is to be built to mirror its function in the outdoor area.