

### Referinghausen is, and has been...



a place to be young



a place to grow up in,





a place to raise a family,



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and a place to grow old in



[1980]

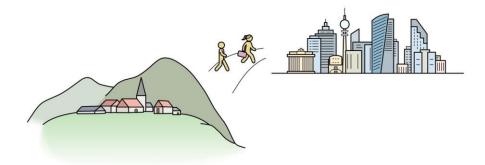


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Yet, the population in rural areas is shrinking for two main reasons...

migration from *rural areas* to *cities* 

*lack of jobs* and that are *easily entered* 





by **2050** the EU urban population is

expected to GROW by 24.1 MILLION

but **RURAL AREAS** are expected to

SHRINK by 7.9 MILLION



However, the need and want to farm remains.

Agriculture is a significant part of Referinghausen's identity.





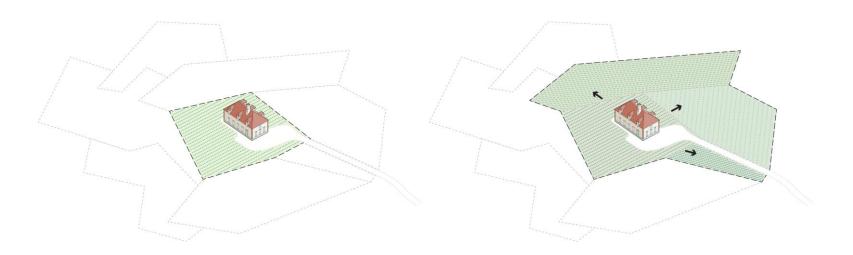




# Typically, farms face a decision...

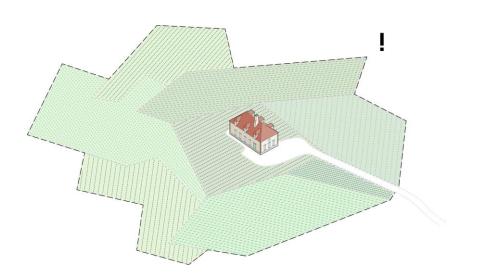
Remain stagnant... or expand? Grow to

survive.



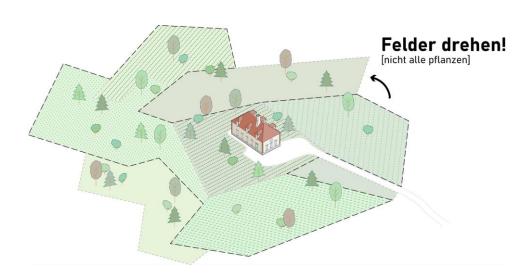
### But in some cases...

a farm may not be able to sustain the labor required to be profitable.



# ...so they produce more with less area

# Ex: multi-functional land management & short rotation planting



# Multi-functional land generates more economic and social value from the same area

Cow Grazing

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Milk Collection

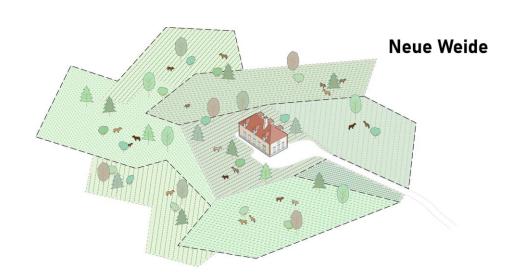
Dairy Farm Utilities Logging/Tree Relocation

Cow Grazing

New Tree Growth

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# like Silvopasture...



### Overlap of Forestry + Agriculture: SILVOPASTURE

#### **Ecological Impact**

- Less heat stress for cows improves their performance and well-being
- Increases **biodiversity**, betters soil & water quality
- Greater plant nutrient uptake **efficiencies**
- Shorter timber rotations



#### Social Impact

- New routes for **hiking/biking**
- Connects communities through new landscape setting
- Generates new skills & knowledge of ways to live off the land



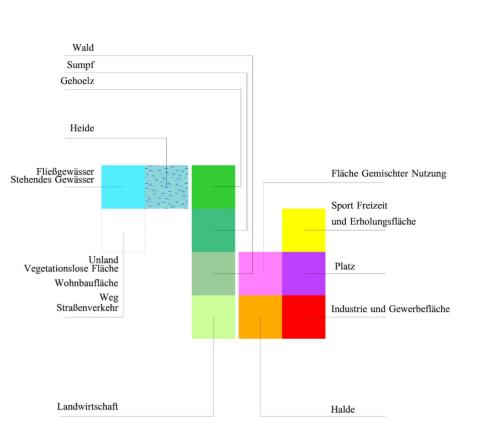
#### **Economic Impact**

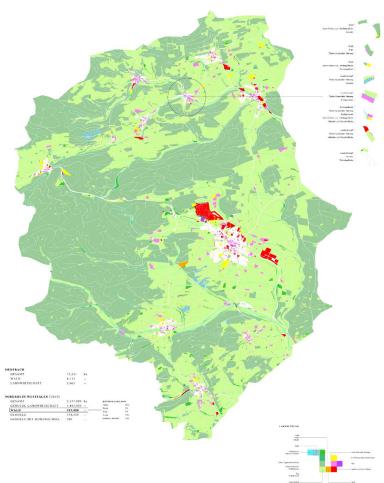
- Diversification of income streams
- Generates income on different time horizons
- **Protects** farmers **from risk**
- Encourages **eco-tourism** for the village

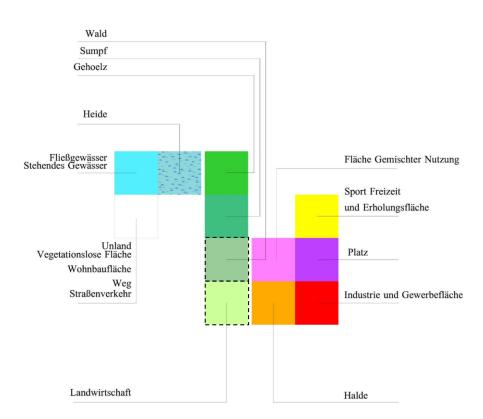


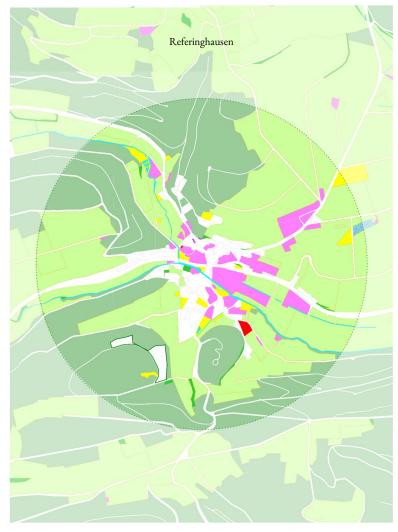
#### MEDEBACH LANDNUTZUNG

Medebach Land Use



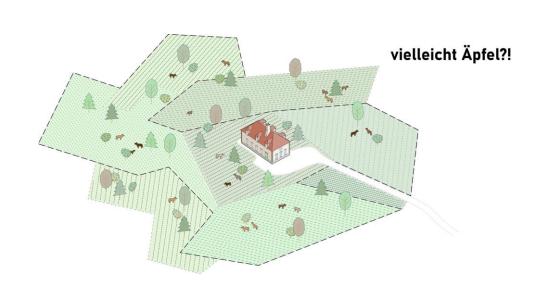


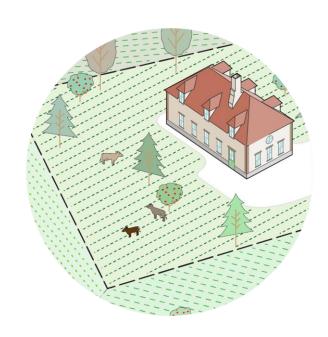




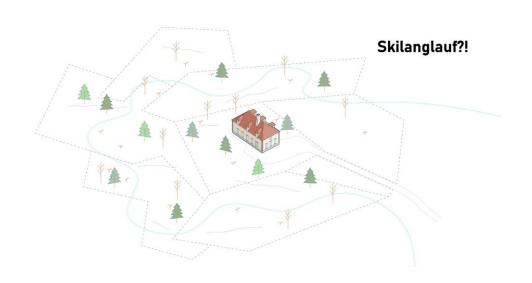
...aber welche anderen Möglichkeiten gibt es?
...but what other opportunities are there?

...perhaps a crop that can be a *community* amenity...

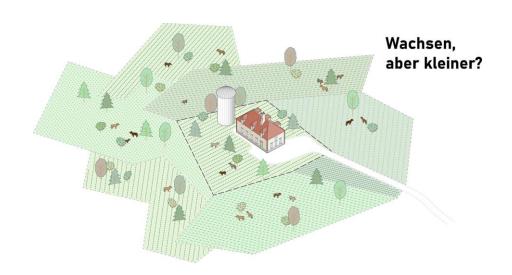




# ...or potentially even multi-seasonal land usage.



...or even a **new architecture** that promotes *land use efficiency*.



Here are some projects that exist in other cities and countries

### Forestry + Education





# Jugendwaldheime Germany (by SDW)

- Environmental education facility for students of all ages and background
- Engage actively to take care of the forest and woodlands
- Goal: Holistic learning through learner-led exploration and discovery in a different natural setting.

### Recreation + Education + Agriculture





**Motherfarm** Chiba, Japan





- Participatory farm
  : feeding and petting animals on the farm and picking fruits or flowers in the garden.
- Multiple farms, exhibitions, playgrounds, and shops
- Goal : Understanding agricultural roots and our food

### Agriculture + Education + Healthcare





# Eekhoeve

Veenendal, Netherlands

- Farming practices as healing method: social care, mental health, rehabilitation
- Therapy followed by structured nature programs
- Care of land/animals + Care of people.
- Goal: Learning new skills and engaging in meaningful activities through farm management

