

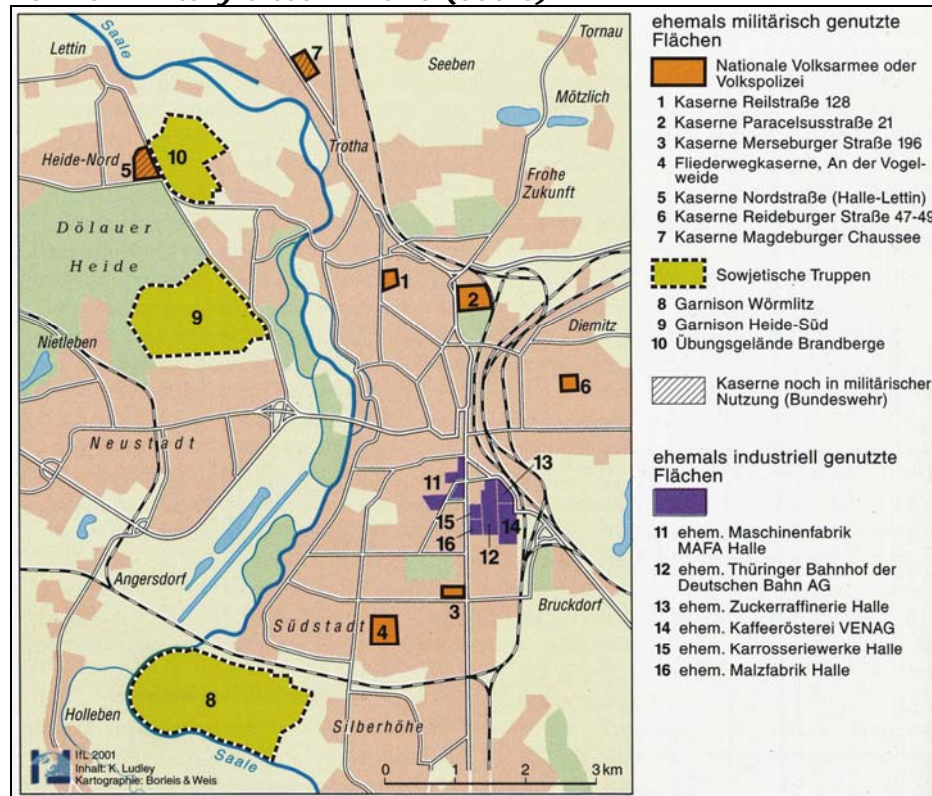
Conversion Sites as Potentials for Residential Areas. The Example of Halle (Saale) – Summary

In Halle (Saale), as in most other East German cities, a large-scale "catch up-suburbanization" has taken place in the years after German reunification, making up for the limited, i.e. restricted, housing policy in communist Germany. Numerous households took advantage of the low prices for real estate in the surrounding counties in order to fulfil their ambition of living in their own home. Often they left behind low standard apartments in the old town of Halle as well as high rise apartment buildings on the outskirts.

Facing the high unoccupied housing rate, the re-use of former military sites (i.e. conversion) might here not be seen as a welcome opportunity of alleviating the persistent lack of locations for trade and housing as it is the case in West German conurbations. The analysis of the conversion process in Halle however shows that due to the so-called "1000 Homes Programme", initiated by the city council in 1997/1998, Halle not only reduced the outward migration but also contributed with its conversion sites to current urbanistic approaches committed to sustainable development. This success shall not deny that in many cities former military sites will stay brownland at a medium-term.



Former Military Sites in Halle (Saale)



Redevelopment of the former military site "Garrison Heide-Süd", Halle (Saale)
Konversion der ehemaligen sowjetischen Garnison Heide-Süd in Halle (Saale)



Progress of conversion in Heide-Süd
Fortschritt bei der Konversion in Heide-Süd (erster Bauabschnitt)

