

LAND OF REPOSE AND DIGNITY WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY

This project aims to explore the existing and evolving Ukrainian identity within the context of the war memorial cemetery amidst the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian war. Rooted in the evolving narrative of a nation amidst turmoil, this endeavor seeks to explore the transformative potential of landscape design in shaping collective memory and identity.

Drawing inspiration from the rich tapestry of Ukrainian history and cultural symbolism, the project meticulously integrates elements within the landscape, transforming the land into an eternal memorial. In doing so, it proposes a shift from object-driven memorials to commemorating certain aspects of national history, such as ongoing war, from a landscape perspective. These symbols, steeped in tradition, serve as poignant reminders of sacrifice and resilience, anchoring the memorial within the collective consciousness of the Ukrainian people.

The project investigates how the landscape memorials might seamlessly integrate memorialization within the surrounding environment, emphasizing the natural landscape as an essential component of the commemorative experience. Rather than standalone structures, landscape memorials incorporate elements such as gardens, pathways, and scenic vistas to create a more immersive and contemplative atmosphere. By blending with the natural surroundings, these memorials seek to evoke emotions and provoke reflection, fostering a deeper connection between visitors and the memorialized.

Understanding the prolonged duration of the ongoing conflict and its impact on Ukraine's evolving identity until its resolution is crucial for preserving a coherent and meaningful collective memory for future Ukrainian generations.