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Project Title: Co-Couros

The project Co-Couros centers on the fundamental question: “Whose Landscape?”. In Guimarães, natural systems and human expansion have historically existed in a state of conflict and imbalance. The proposal moves beyond this struggle, envisioning a landscape defined by negotiation and shared creation. Utilizing the Three Rings Strategy, the city is reframed into gradients of co-creation that stretch from the nature-led forests of the outer ring to the river-structured daily life of the urban center.

At its heart, Co-Couros reactivates the Costa-Couros River Corridor as a regenerative blue-green spine. The proposal integrates a layered network of educational, creative, and cultural landscapes to revitalize the post-industrial Bairro C district. A central piece of this spatial sequence is the Seed Bank Tanks, where former industrial tanning tanks are transformed into shallow wetland archives. These tanks facilitate phytoremediation and serve as “Productive Memory,” preserving the region’s textile heritage through the cultivation of native plant species.

This project is an evolving journey through three adaptive stages: repair, production, and co-existence. Through a circular landscape economy, the gap is bridged between industrial history and ecological recovery. Ultimately, Co-Couros is built upon a model of shared stewardship. It recognizes both human and non-human actors in the continuous care of the territory, ensuring that Guimarães remains a resilient, living landscape for the long term.